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## INFANTRY MOVING UP FOR THE BIG PUSH

### Hitler Planning Mid-February Invasion

Mr. Alfred Landon, Republican candidate for the Presidency in 1936, declared on returning to Topeka, Kansas, yesterday from a visit to Washington that he had been advised "by reliable official sources that Hitler is planning to invade Britain about the middle of February."

Mr. Landon said he found a "definitely disturbed feeling" in Administration circles over the failure to co-ordinate American defence activities. — Reuter.

### Final Stages Of Assault On Sollum

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent in the Western Desert, Now in Sollum).

**BRITISH INFANTRY WERE YESTERDAY PREPARING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BIG PUSH ACROSS THE FRONTIER INTO LIBYA — THEY WERE WEARY BUT TRIUMPHANT WHEN THEY OCCUPIED SOLLUM ON MONDAY AFTER DAYS OF CHASING THE ITALIANS RIGHT OUT OF EGYPTIAN TERRITORY.**

Sollum is only a tiny port, surrounded by a few white houses. Above the port is Upper Sollum, main feature of which is a large barracks belonging to the Egyptian army but long ago blown to pieces by British bombardments while the Italians were in occupation.

With a little group of British correspondents and one American, I have spent the last few days watching the final stages of our assault on Sollum, the tactics for which were just as well thought out as those at other points in the present campaign.

Sollum was first imperilled a week ago when the British armoured division, after dealing with a whole series of other objectives, came smashing through Bug Bug from Sidi Barrani so quickly that the whole Catanzaro Division, under General Giuseppe Amico, which had been happily en route to Sidi Barrani on normal relief duty, believing the war was miles away, was taken completely by surprise.

completed on Monday at Bug Bug, where over 12,000 have already been fed and watered before passing on. — Reuter.

#### Division Taken Prisoner

Majority of its men were taken prisoner and nearly all its material was left strewn along the sides of the road.

These British tanks swept up on Sollum while others were coming up across the escarpment from the interior.

A hail of fire was poured into the defenders of Sollum by the British tanks, while the R.A.F. continued their incessant bombings.

A slight check to the British forces occurred when some of the tanks became bogged in salt fields outside Sollum but this did not seriously hamper our offensive operations. The British tanks dashed on to occupy coastal territory beyond Bardia, 30 miles or more inside Libya.

#### Sollum Contained

While they did so, an infantry brigade moved up with instructions not to attack Sollum directly but to contain it, letting nobody escape.

By Sunday, the defenders of Sollum, alarmed at their precarious position, had moved up to the top of the escarpment, blowing up the road leading from Lower to Upper Sollum.

The British infantry pressed in on Sollum despite fire from the escarpment and occupied Lower Sollum without heavy casualties by Monday morning, and by the same afternoon the Italians on the escarpment had given up.

All arrangements to receive the fresh prisoners from Sollum were

### ROOSEVELT PLAN OF AID TO BRITAIN

A plan to lease or mortgage war material to Britain was outlined by President Roosevelt at his press conference yesterday.

The President declared the plan would aid Britain and at the same time strengthen United States defence.

He expected to submit the plan or a similar one to the new Congress on January 3.

Under the plan the United States would supply Britain with war material. (Continued at foot of preceding col.)

### GRIM BATTLE FOR BARDIA

Very severe fighting is raging round the Libyan port of Bardia, according to latest reports received in Cairo last night.

After battering their way across the desert British advance mechanised units are carrying out a formidable attack on the perimeter defences of the port.

Advanced forces of British infantry are following up the mechanised units, while lorry-loads of stores and ammunition bring up the rear.

"Rush" tactics were employed in the British attack on three frontier forts whose capture was announced in yesterday's British communiqué.

The three forts in question are all on the Libyan side of the frontier. — Reuter.

#### Unflagging Speed

British advanced mechanised units are continuing to advance towards Bardia with unflagging speed.

Behind them, and trying to keep up with them, is a continuous stream of infantry, many riding in captured lorries and trucks.

Free French forces, which are fighting in the front line, are giving valuable support to the imperial troops. They showed great courage and dash in the final onslaught against Sollum. Although the French army tactics are very different from the

### DEATH FOR WOMAN TRAITOR

A woman was sentenced yesterday at Winchester—the first such sentence to be announced as passed on a woman since the outbreak of war.

She is Dorothy Pamela O'Grady, 42 years old.

Charges on which she was found guilty were that in the Isle of Wight she made a plan likely to assist the military operations of the enemy, and that with the object of helping the enemy she cut a military telephone wire.

The case was heard in camera and the court was open to the public only on the pronouncement of sentence.

O'Grady, a short, dark, bespectacled woman, showed no emotion when the judge passed sentence. — Reuter.

### BRITAIN'S HOSPITALS CARRY ON

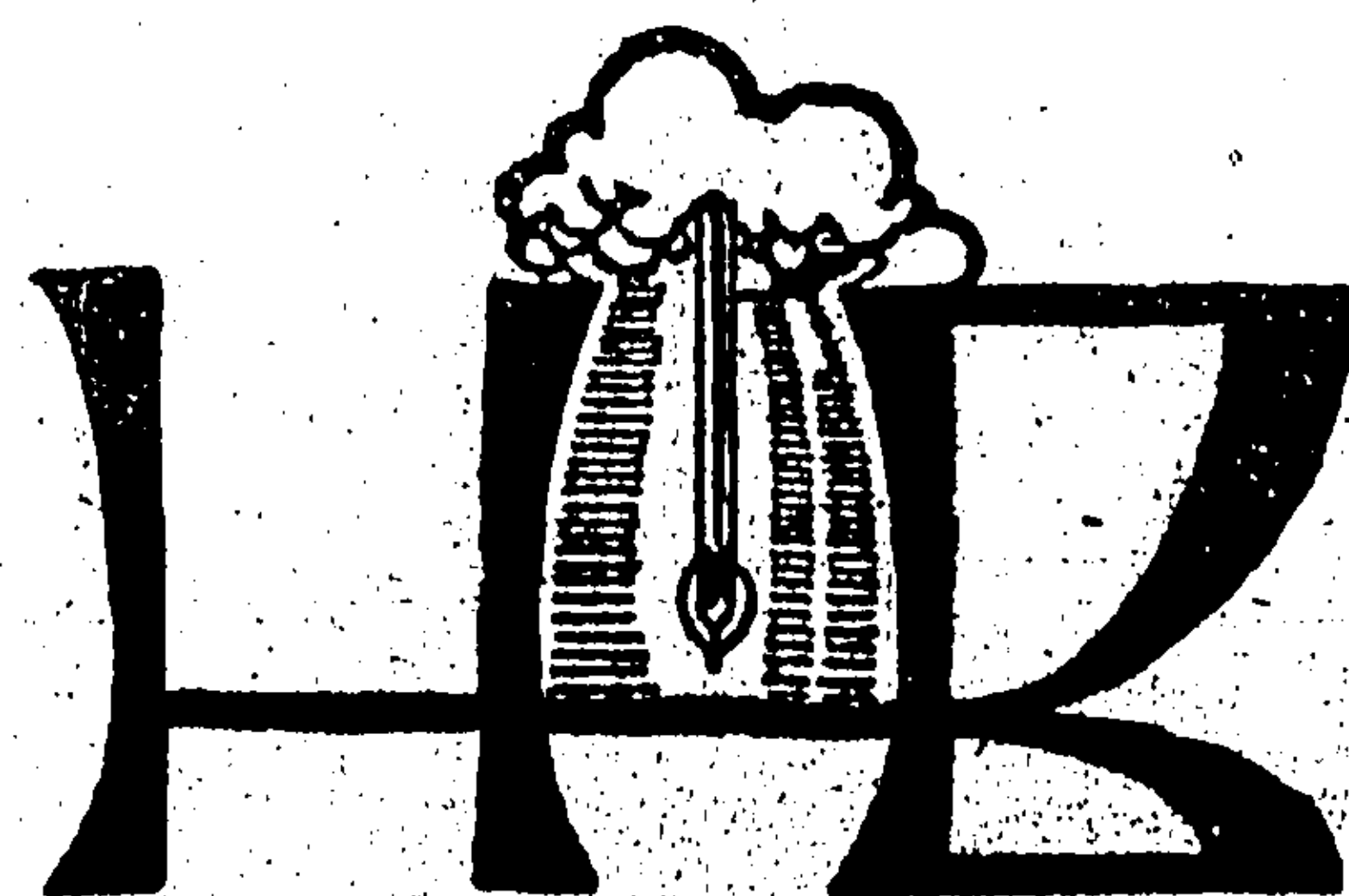
HIS MAJESTY THE KING YESTERDAY EXPRESSED HIS ADMIRATION FOR THE WAY IN WHICH HOSPITALS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY ARE CARRYING ON DURING THE AIR-RAIDS.

This message was read at the annual meeting of the King Edward Hospital Fund by the Duke of Kent, who said that the grants made by the Fund constituted a record.

The total amount distributed came to more than £10,000,000. — Reuter.

British, months of hard training have produced a splendid fighting unit. The French are working in excellently with their British comrades. — Reuter.

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!



# Italian Troops March Down "Victory Avenue" In Egypt

## R.A.F. KEEPS IT UP

All enemy aerodromes between Tobruk and Bardia in the Western Desert were heavily raided by R.A.F. bombers on Monday, states a communique from the Royal Air Force's Middle-East Headquarters.

Fighter planes maintained constant offensive patrols throughout the day.

Bardia suffered a further intensive raid on Monday night in excellent weather.

Altogether more than 12 tons of bombs fell on barracks, military buildings and railways. One particularly fierce blaze as well as other fires was started.

Tobruk, Bomba, Berna, El Adem, and El Gubbi were attacked and heavily damaged. During an offensive patrol R.A.F. fighters shot down eight Italian aircraft and possibly a further two.

Another Italian aircraft was destroyed while landing and a further general purposes plane was shot down.

### 15 Planes Captured

These enemy losses are additional to 15 Italian aircraft captured near Sollum.

There were no British losses during these Western Desert operations.

In Southern Albania, Durazzo was heavily raided despite bad weather. Heavy explosions were caused in the dock areas. Again British aircraft returned safely.

Gura and Asmara in Italian East Africa were raided during Sunday night. At the former place a large fire was started. Enemy fighters damaged an R.A.F. bomber which, however, managed to return to British territory. At Asmara, a factory and a transport park were bombed. Enemy bombers raided Port Sudan four times but no damage was caused either to R.A.F. property or personnel.—Reuter.

## DAYLIGHT RAIDS ON INVASION PORTS

HEAVY EXPLOSIONS ON THE FRENCH COAST WERE HEARD IN BRITAIN NEAR THE STRAITS OF DOVER YESTERDAY.

Apparently the R.A.F. was making another daylight raid on German-occupied ports. — Reuter.

## Under Guard Of Cockney Privates!

(From Reuter's Special Correspondent Outside Sollum)

I HAVE JUST WATCHED 8,000 Italian soldiers, officers, non-commissioned officers and men, marching down "Victory Avenue" through Egypt.

But they marched as prisoners, every two or three hundred of them being guarded by a single cheerful Cockney private, and the Victory Avenue down which they marched was the road between Sollum and Sidi Barrani, which Marshal Graziani has been building for several months past.

The road, which will now be a nice present for the Egyptians, would have cost at least £60,000 to build.

A fantastic sight met our eyes as our car came over rising ground near Bug Bug.

We saw the entire valley shrouded with clouds of dust through which the evening sun glowed, while from the dust emerged a seemingly endless stream of dark-green uniformed figures, with khaki-clad British soldiers marching smartly at their side.

The Italians were chatting, laughing and smoking, apparently completely heedless of the fact that the whole illusion created by Fascist propaganda had been swept aside in a single week.

The "Victory Way" to Sidi Barrani, a typical straight Roman road, whose rapid construction was a considerable engineering feat, bears many signs of this propaganda.

### Mussolini Stones

All along the road are stones erected in honour of Mussolini, and at the Barrani end is a memorial, put up even before the road was finished, recording that "The 12th Artillery Company, in the face of the malice of the enemy, the burning sun and biting wind, made this road to link together the sands of Egypt and Libya."

Though not yet asphalted the road forms a useful line of communication for the British forces advancing into Libya.

There is hardly anything at Bug Bug itself—just a solitary house and a series of Italian water tanks, now guarded by British sentries distributing water to prisoners as they stream through.

### More Prisoners

Several more thousand prisoners had been gathered round the water tanks last night. An infantry major was in charge of arrangements for feeding them.

While we were talking to him an Italian officer came up, saluted and asked for transport

for a medical officer to take seven wounded men to hospital.

The major fixed him up with a lorry which the Italian doctor was allowed to drive himself.

Meanwhile the crashing of bombs and the roar of anti-aircraft guns had been making Bardia look like Hamm when the R.A.F. are having a busy night.

### Firework Display

From a height on the coast east of Sollum I watched the hottest firework display of flaming onions, A.A. fire and bombs I have seen in this part of the world.

It was all part of the R.A.F.'s encouragement to the Italians at Bardia to capitulate rapidly.

Only reply by the Italians was to send a small number of lone bombers to harass the British troops.—Reuter.

## HELD CANDLE OUT OF WINDOW DURING RAID

Said to have held a lighted candle out of a window during a raid and to have shouted "There they are," Leonard Frederick Ecclestone, forty-seven, cashier, of De Laune Street, Walworth, S.E., was at Lambeth gaol for two months.

Ecclestone, who was also fined £2 for obstructing a police officer and 10s. for obscene language, said he had had a drink and did not remember the offences.

A Surrey farmer, Francis Reginald Hawkins, of Whitley Farm, Normandy, fined £20 with 8s. costs at Woking, was said to have lit straw and other materials under 250 yards of hedges, shrubs and trees while cleaning a field. The fire was not got under control until midnight. Meanwhile, there was an air raid warning.

## SPANISH PRAISE

The London correspondent of the Madrid newspaper ABC pays tribute "to the astonishing calmness" of London people facing attack from German bombers. He describes how people declined to leave a cinema at which he happened to be when an air raid alarm sounded.

The Duke of Alba, the Spanish Ambassador, was there himself, and also remained seated. In the evening there was "an extraordinary number" of taxicabs, motor-buses and private cars in London streets, despite the darkness, booming guns and the distant explosions.

The previous night, when London withstood a six-hour aerial attack, a group of historians, including Mr. Hilaire Belloc, were the guests of the Duke of Alba at his residence. After dinner all they had to do was to ring up a taxicab stand, and there was a prompt response from drivers.

lifts, hot and cold water in every cabin, swimming pools, gymnasiums, sun decks, and winter gardens.

## FLOATING HOME FOR SEAVAGUEES

Instead of being converted into a troop transport, the liner Queen Elizabeth will be used as a home for British refugee children, it was reported in New York.

If the plan is adopted the liner would be moved from New York to a Canadian port or a less busy port along the American coast.

Several hundred men have been working on the interior for the past two weeks.

The Queen Elizabeth, built for 2,400 passengers, has fourteen decks, a cinema, theatre, electric

# DIFFICULT TO KEEP PACE WITH BRITISH ADVANCE

(By Reuter's Military Commentator)

THE SITUATION IN LIBYA is developing fast and presents new vistas to the British so rapidly that it is difficult to keep pace with events.

General Wavell's moderately phrased bulletins hardly convey the full sense of the magnitude of the Italian disasters.

The Italians admit fighting is taking place round Bardia, which means the British troops must have swept round the Italian flank again behind the Italian rearguards at Fort Capuzzo and Sollum, and the Italian retreat is threatened, if not entirely cut off.

With the British capture of Bardia, which may be expected at any moment, the position of all Italian troops, supplies and transport, which must fill that 20 miles of road, is desperate.

They will all be captured, adding still further to the enormous tally of Italian supplies and equipment in British hands already.

### Problem For Cabinet

The problem which General Wavell and the British Cabinet now have to solve is how to make the most use of the great victory—can we destroy the Italian army in Libya and take over the whole colony?

It is impossible to decide that question on present information, beyond saying that all is possible.

Can Graziani assemble another army, to seek to stay our advance or even to drive us back to the Egyptian border?

He will lose a tremendous number of men but he has lost more important things, namely prestige and morale.

### Confidence Destroyed

The confidence of the whole Italian army in Libya has disappeared and the enormous loss of stores and material must have most serious consequences on the remnants of his army, for none of these supplies can be replaced, as Graziani is severed from his main base by the British command of the sea.

Besides the very powerful aid which the Fleet can give by shelling and bombarding 1,100 miles of coastal road to Tripoli and intermediate ports, it can enormously aid General Wavell's question of supply by conveying ships into each harbour which falls into our hands as he advances.

### Not Tied Down

Unlike Graziani the British will not be tied to one road—Sollum is probably available as a supply base by sea to-day—to-morrow it may be Bardia, a few days hence Tobruk.

The movement northwards from Siwa on Tobruk may have a decisive effect on the next British operation—capture of that port.

Thereafter, the Italian demoralisation, their lack of supplies and our own difficulties of supply, of moving up fresh troops and giving the troops some well-needed rest so that at all times there will be sufficient troops within reach of the front to ensure, inflicting defeat on the Italians should they show any stomach for further fighting—all these factors will undoubtedly influence General Wavell's plan.—Reuter.



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# SPEED-UP OF U.S. WAR PRODUCTION DEMANDED

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## Newspapers Reflect Concern

**THE URGENT NEED OF SPEEDING UP AMERICAN WAR PRODUCTION AND GRANTING BRITAIN INCREASING AND MORE RAPID AID HAVE BECOME PARAMOUNT QUESTIONS IN WASHINGTON.**

President Roosevelt, back at the White House after returning from his West Indies tour, was greeted by newspaper headlines reflecting the grave concern over the position and stressing the "terrible urgency of the situation."

Latest development yesterday was a reported statement by Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of Treasury, to the House of Representatives appropriations committee to the effect that Sir Frederick Phillips had told him England could make no more commitments for the purchase of war materials in the United States unless financial aid was extended.

Mr. Morgenthau is said to have repeated the statement which he has already made on other occasions, that he believed the United States would not extend loans or credits unless Congress modified or repealed the Johnson Act.

He left his hearers with the impression that such a decision was entirely up to Congress.

### Factual Analysis

Mr. Morgenthau is reported to have made a factual analysis of Britain's needs without, however, making any recommendations.

Concurrently came a report that Mr. Cordell Hull told members of the United States Defence Commission and other Government officials that Britain would probably face a serious crisis in the Spring unless the present delivery schedules of United States war supplies were considerably increased.

He is understood to have urged all speed possible in producing planes and other supplies.

At the same time, it is learned that the shipping situation is being examined to determine whether additional merchantmen might be available for sending supplies to Britain.

### Call To Action

The "Washington Post" in a double-column leader under the heading "Call to action," declares all the President's vast reserves of vitality will be drawn upon to cope with problems of national defence.

Turning to the question of financial aid the newspaper suggests that apart from repealing the Johnson Act there are many ways of assisting, including paying more than market value for raw materials from the Empire, buying consumer interest in the sources of those materials and buying an equity interest in British oil and other holdings in the Western Hemisphere.—Reuter.

## BRITISH 'PLANES' BLAMED FOR BASLE BOMBING

British 'planes' are mentioned as being responsible for the bombing of Basle on Monday night in a statement issued by the semi-official Swiss agency yesterday.

According to latest information 16 bombs were dropped, mostly around the railway station at 11.05 p.m. —Reuter.

## REPLY TO BRITAIN'S MORALE

**"The British Government could never accept any arrangement having the effect of perpetuating the German domination of Europe."**

"The British Government is resolutely determined to do all in their power to deliver the nations now under the heel of Germany from that yoke and restore their former independence and prosperity."

So declared Lord Snell in the House of Lords yesterday, replying to a request by Lord Noel Buxton for a Government statement in regard to any suggestions purporting to be aimed at peace terms which had been made to Britain by the German Government since Italy's entry into the war.

Lord Snell recalled the statement by the late Lord Tryon on Nov. 20 that during recent years Germany had frequently suggested she would be happy to maintain good relations with Britain provided Germany was given a free hand in Europe. The British Government had never been prepared to discuss such an arrangement since it could only be at the expense of our former French ally and other free European countries which at present are Britain's allies.

Lord Snell added that more ser-

Calling British resistance to Nazi attacks a "miracle," Miss Dorothy Thompson writes in the New York "Herald-Tribune": "Something happened in England between the collapse in Norway and the retreat from Dunkirk — something that has been happening ever since in increasing tempo.

Morale changed, doubt gave way to certainty, vague hope to positive intention, half-hearted organisation to full mobilisation, disunity to unity.

It was morale that stirred the real integration of industry, and the real organisation of the population, and that released that valour which, from all the many letters I receive, is more than fortitude—is a kind of fierce and lofty joy.

Undoubtedly the character of the British people has much to do with it. That character has been formed through generations by an education which, with all its shortcomings and anachronisms, has never failed to emphasise the primary human virtue, which is courage.

The Briton at his best is knightly, and his best usually comes out when he is in his toughest spot. The British do well—from Lord Nelson to Edith Cavell."

ious suggestions to this effect from the Germans were naturally made prior to the outbreak of war.

From time to time there had been indications that Germany was prepared to renew these suggestions but they were not sufficiently authoritative to justify any statement by the British Government.—Reuter.

## POOR OLD JOE MISSES HIS OPPORTUNITY

(By Reuter's Chief Diplomatic Correspondent)

**JOSEPH GOEBBELS, the Nazi Propaganda Minister, seems to have made up his mind that British victories do not exist except in their imagination — that the Italians are fighting magnificently — that Britain is spreading these claims to buttress her failing morale — and that the Italians are as united round the Duce as the Nazis round Hitler. All the rest is lies.**

Goebbels has missed his opportunity. He certainly could have found much consolation in the thought that Allied victories in Africa were largely due to the fact that the British used German methods.

The strategy employed at Sidi Barrani, Sollum and Fort Capuzzo, and which now menaces Bardia, was the strategy that was so successful in Poland and on the Meuse.

But there is one great difference in General Wavell's lightning moves compared with those of the Germans — Britain holds the mastery of the sea.

There would have been no Dunkirk if the positions had been reversed. It would have been 100 per cent. victory and not a man would have escaped.

### Entire Force Captured

At Sidi Barrani, notwithstanding the proportionately small force of British engaged, everybody east of the hammer blow to the coast was captured.

The process was repeated with equal success without the element of surprise at Sollum.

Despite the long trek of 150 miles, sandstorms and lengthened communications, it will be surprising if General Wavell is not able to go on repeating the process because he has achieved complete ascendancy in the air, and with Sollum in his possession,

the possibility of sea transport of supplies becomes practicable.

### Serious Concern

The Italians are reported to be throwing into Libya every available aircraft in order to restore the balance, but they will have difficulty in replenishing their fuel supplies.

The very vehemence of the Italian and German denials confirms the impression that there is serious concern in Rome and Berlin for the fate of all Italy's legions across the waves, whether in Libya, Ethiopia and Albania, or the Dodecanese.

### Political Effect

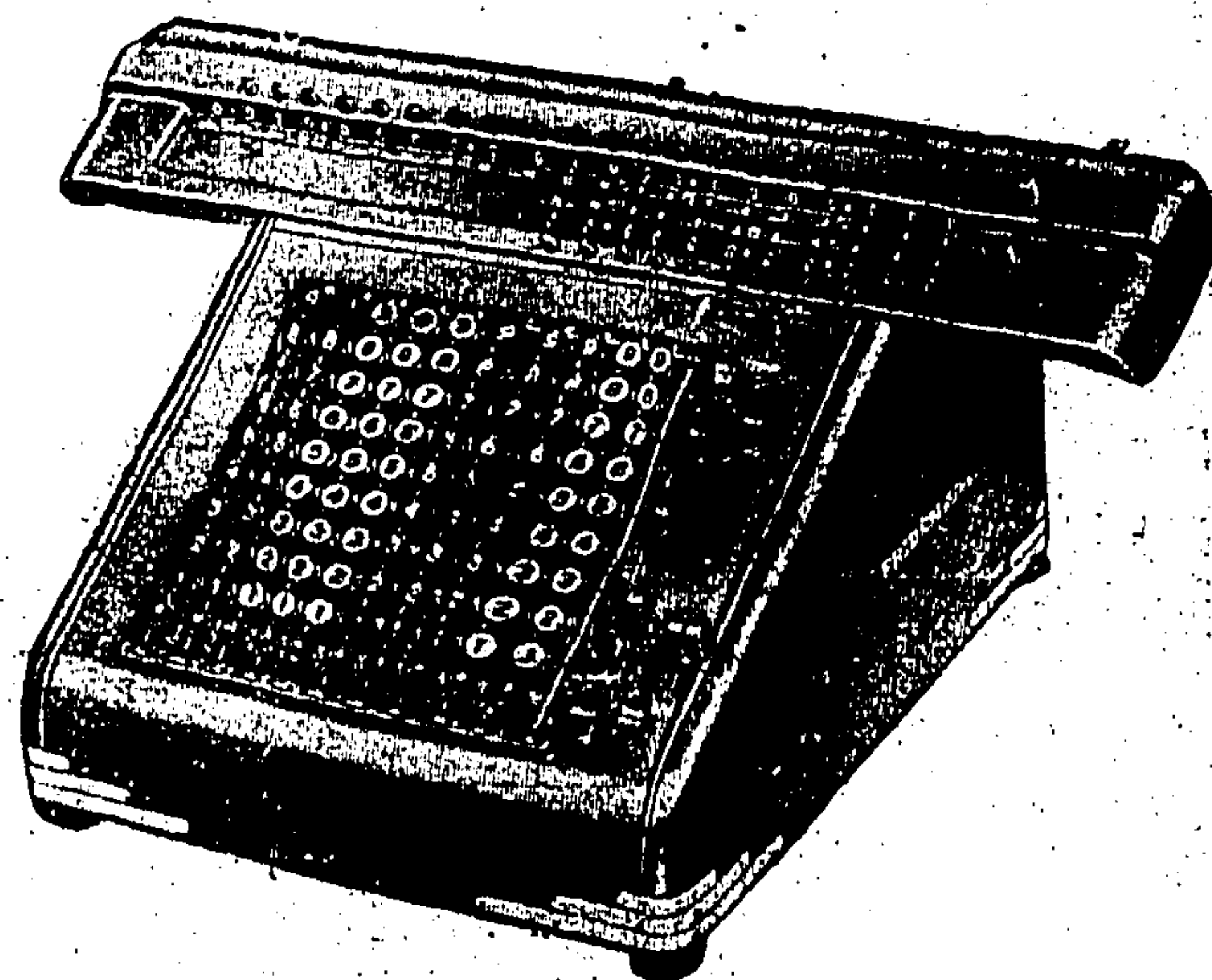
The political effect of the Italian defeat, which is by no means yet completed, has had and will have tremendous repercussions reverberating through Asia — from Japan, China and India and the Arab world — through Africa, and not only through Europe but in Germany itself.

It will influence future strategy which is as much political as military. It makes Hitler's problems far graver.

What can he do and what will he do? This must be left for future discussion. — Reuter.

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# LAVAL'S DISMISSAL: VICHY HOPING FOR A SEPARATE PEACE

THOUGH INTERNAL policy is believed  
to be the chief cause of the dismissal of Pierre  
Laval, reports from Vichy fail entirely to  
clarify the reasons.

It is probable, however, that Laval's  
efforts to make Marshal Petain a pliant tool  
for his pro-German policy encountered in-  
creasingly stubborn resistance which was for-  
tified by the changed situation in the Medi-  
terranean.

It is reported that Laval last  
week laid far-reaching proposals  
for internal reform before the  
Vichy Cabinet, together with a  
new German peace offer, both of  
which were rejected.

Marshal Petain is reported to  
have summoned Pierre-Etienne  
after this. The latter is held  
to be anxious to adopt a more  
dignified policy than Laval, and  
it is thought he would never  
consent to placing French col-  
onial bases at the disposal of  
Germany.

Nevertheless Britain's Mediter-  
ranean successes have revived  
hopes among the group of which  
Admiral Darlan is leader that a  
separate peace between France  
and Germany may be concluded.

## Grounds For Hope

Grounds for the hopes are that  
Italy has been so greatly weak-  
ened that Germany may now be  
able to persuade her to renounce  
most of her claims against France.

The rock on which the earlier  
Franco-German negotiations  
came to grief might thus be  
removed.

Owing to the complete failure  
of Laval's policy, Flandin is bound  
to move cautiously in the direc-  
tion of such a policy.

## Nazis Not Satisfied

The fact that Otto Abetz, the  
Nazi Ambassador to France, has  
gone to Vichy suggests that Ger-  
many is not entirely satisfied with  
Flandin's nomination and indeed  
it is rumoured that Germany may  
feel obliged to send troops to oc-  
cupy Lyons.

Reports from Italy show in-  
creasing confusion and uncer-  
tainty concerning the war situa-  
tion.

Example is the rumour current  
in Italy that Marshal Badoglio and  
other generals have been execut-  
ed for treachery.—Reuter.

## 10s. FINE RETURNED IN TOLL CASE

"That's good news," said Home  
Guard Frank Morgan, of Penarth  
South Wales, after the magis-  
trates' clerk had phoned saying  
he had returned the 10s. which  
an anonymous friend paid to save  
Morgan from prison.

"Now what will they do?" he  
said. "I am waiting to see what  
the magistrates will decide at the  
weekly court to-day."

Two weeks ago Morgan elected  
to serve seven days' imprisonment  
rather than pay 10s. fine for re-  
fusing to pay a shilling at a toll  
gate while on duty.

## ABETZ TALK WITH PETAIN

A NEW YORK MESSAGE  
SAYS THAT HERR ABETZ THE  
NAZI AMBASSADOR TO PARIS,  
HAD A THREE-HOUR TALK  
WITH MARSHAL PETAIN IN  
VICHY YESTERDAY AND  
LATER LUNCHEONED WITH THE  
VICHY CABINET.

Reports from Vichy emphasise  
the important results expected in  
some quarters to follow the visit.  
It is thought that in his three-  
hour talk with Marshal Petain,  
Abetz sought to enlist Vichy's  
support against Britain, now that  
Italy is so serious a liability to  
Berlin.—Reuter.

## DAILY WAR BILL

BRITAIN'S DAILY WAR EX-  
PENDITURE LAST WEEK WAS  
£11,400,000.

This was a drop of more than  
£400,000 over the previous  
week's expenditure.—Reuter.

## HUSBAND SHOT BY ACCIDENT

"I was messing about with a  
fire-arm, threatening to commit  
suicide, when it went off. I did  
not intend to harm him. I was so  
fond of him. What should I do  
without him."

These were passages in a state-  
ment attributed to a Southend in-  
quest to Mrs. Edith Harrison,  
Leigh Road, Canvey Island, Es-  
sex, whose husband, Harold Hugh  
Lionel Harrison, forty-eight, clerk  
to Canvey Urban Council, died  
from a gunshot wound in the  
stomach.

Harrison was going on duty as  
a Home Guard and had asked his  
wife to fetch his gun. In a dy-  
ing statement, he said, "It was an  
accident."

A verdict of Death from misad-  
venture was recorded.

## BABIES ATE HER EXTRA SUGAR

A mother of nine children, Mrs.  
Florence Towersey, of Cumber-  
land Road, Ellistown, was fined  
10s. at Coalville, Leicestershire,  
for using for other purposes 22lb.  
of sugar which she obtained for  
jam.

A food officer said that the wo-  
man admitted that she had made  
no jam and she thought the sugar  
would do for the babies. She had  
5lb. left and was using it for or-  
dinary purposes.

Mrs. Towersey wrote that five  
of her children were under seven.

Mr. Edward Orton, a magistrate,  
said he was not surprised at what  
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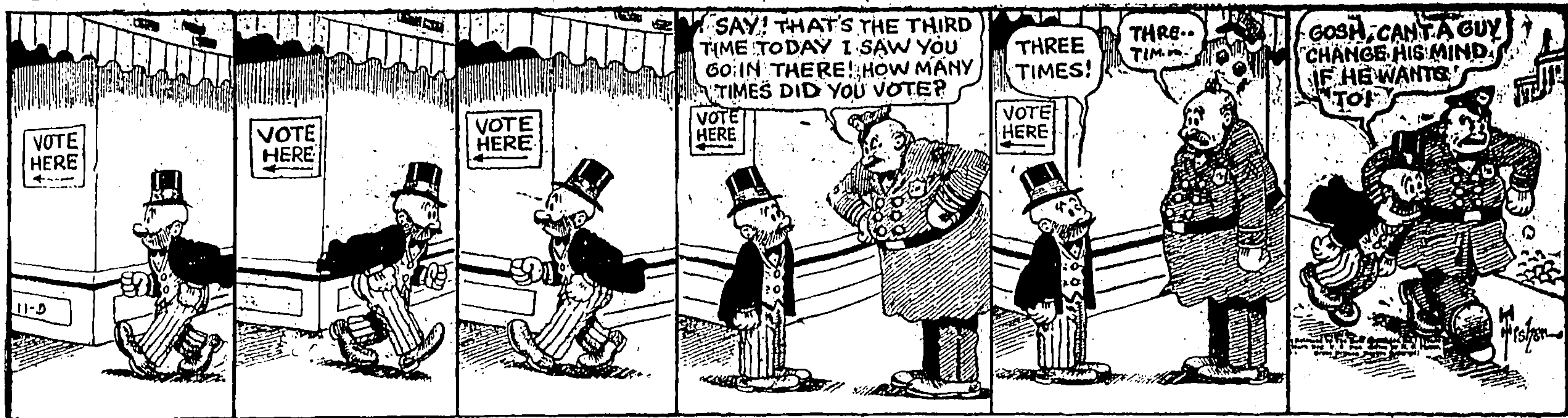
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COORDINATION OF COLONIAL PRODUCTION

ECONOMIC AGREEMENTS have just been negotiated with Free French Colonies in Africa and with the Belgian Congo.

These facts were mentioned in the House of Lords by Lord Lloyd, Colonial Secretary, as some of the many steps taken in the organisation of the vast scheme for co-ordinating colonial production, not merely between British and Allied Colonies but more especially among the British Colonies themselves.

As to the Dutch East Indies, the Governor of the Straits Settlements had been authorised to undertake direct discussions with the Netherlands authorities whenever these are required.

The British and the Netherlands Governments were so impressed with the necessity of maintaining full liaison that they have formed a joint Anglo-Netherlands Committee on economic matters.

Many of the problems that effect the colonies concern to an equal extent a large number of other countries which are not colonies. It would be useless, for example, to try and place cocoa or coffee in future in the Crown Colonies unless we take into con-

sideration the interests of Brazil and other South-American countries and the interests similarly concerned with coffee, etc., etc.

Ups And Downs

Lord Lloyd mentioned some of the Colonial economic ups and downs as a result of war conditions.

Ceylon has lost a small copra market but was doing well on tea, rubber and plumbago. Malaya which lost part of its copra market is abounding with rubber and tin.

Hong Kong was doing pretty well in its general entreport shipping, etc.

Palestine was in some difficulties over citrus exports on account of lack of shipping. The sugar colonies in the West Indies were quite comfortable. Trinidad was doing well with oil and British Guiana with bauxite.

In all cases of hardship, we have found and are finding financial means in saving the colonies from grave suffering. Realising the weight of the war impact, the colonies are getting on extraordinarily well, said Lord Lloyd.—Reuter.

BLOWN BACK TO BOER WAR

Bomb blast in a London air raid stripped the posters of years off a billboard—and left revealed a theatre bill of the Boer War.

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In the days of old Berlin she used to appear at the Reichshofland Theatre, and a man who played with her there sighed at the happy memory when her name was recalled.

He is Mr. Albert Bossitt, who used to play fat man with Fred Karno, and now, spending the evening of his life in the Brinsworth Home for Aged Artists at Twickenham.

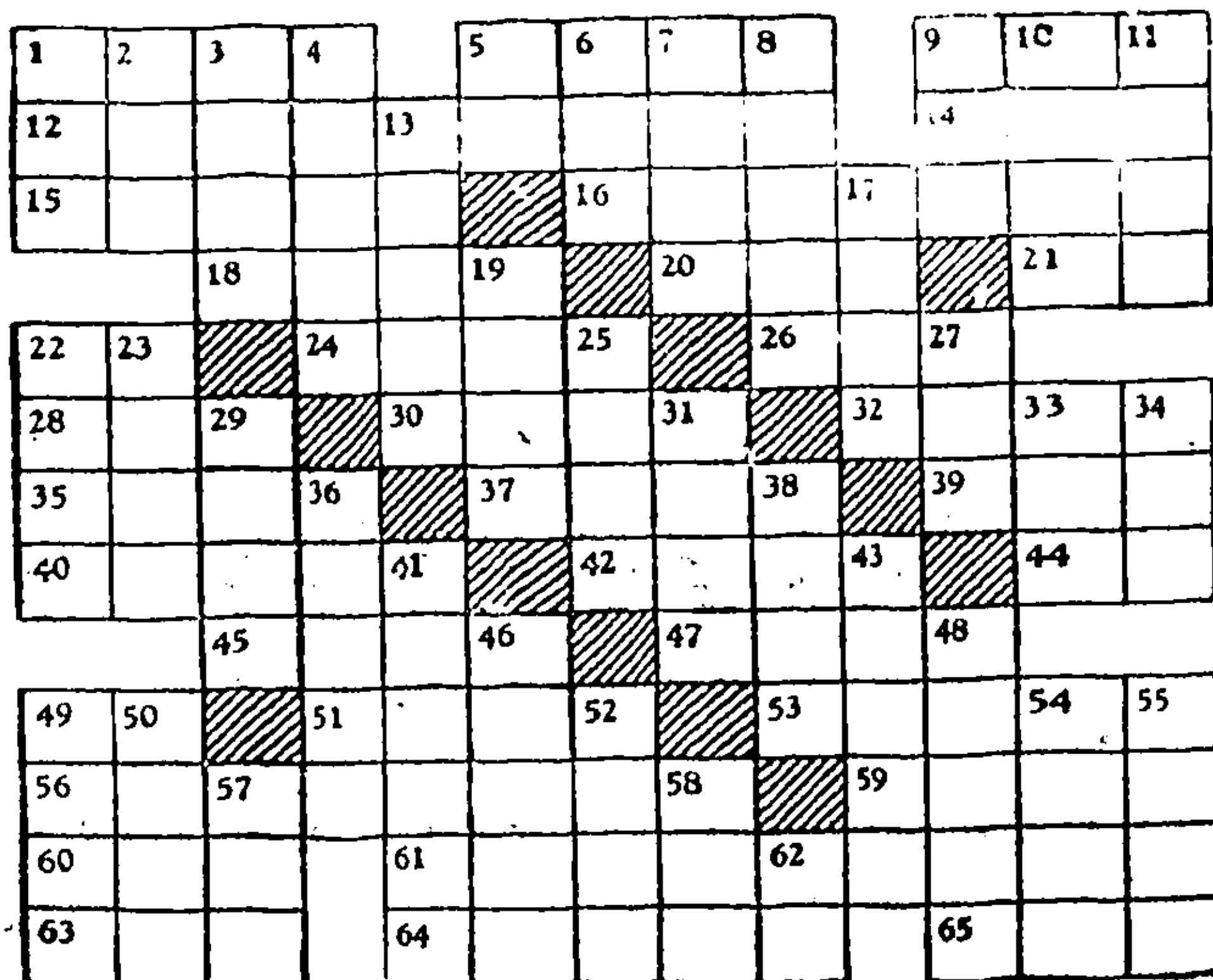
"What a woman she was!" said Mr. Bossitt.

"I remember her well, a young thing of twenty-five, but as strong as a lion. That was her turn, a strong act."

"Mary used to come on and play about with tremendously heavy dumb-bells and weights, and I remember men used to lift a cannon on to her shoulder and then fire it."

"She was very good-looking, and how popular she was! Mary Arnott! I wonder what has happened to her now."

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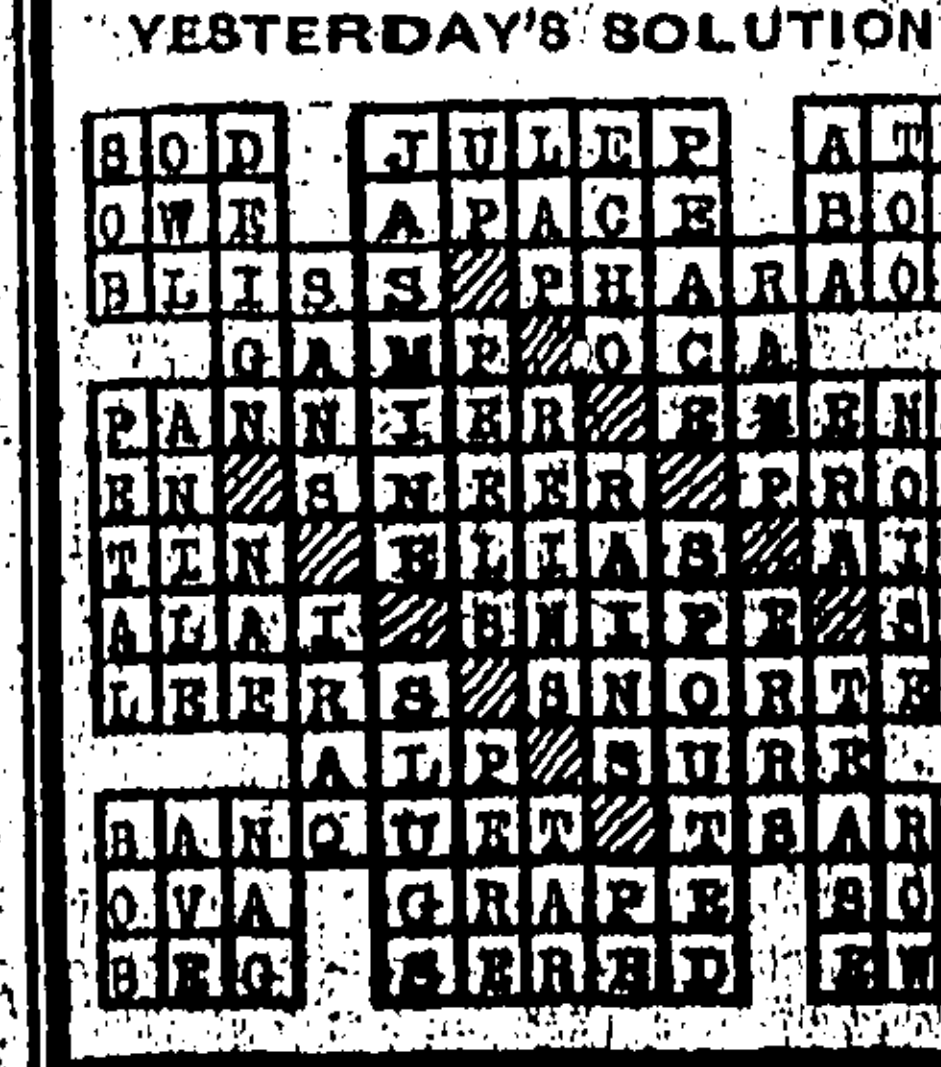


- HORIZONTAL
- 1 Cereal grain (pl.)
  - 5 Land measure
  - 8 Gaffer's mound
  - 12 One who exercises power by virtue of his wealth
  - 14 Grampus
  - 15 Sportive child
  - 16 City in Wisconsin
  - 18 Voyage
  - 20 By
  - 21 Toward
  - 22 Exclamation
  - 24 Ere long
  - 26 To tear
  - 28 Unit of work
  - 30 To require
  - 32 To satisfy
  - 35 Page
  - 37 Implement
  - 39 Used to be
  - 40 French city
  - 42 Bulldog of the ark
  - 44 White
  - 45 Band worn around waist
  - 47 Old English coin
  - 49 Siberian river

- 51 To look askance
- 53 Long legged bird
- 56 Large, fragrant tropical shrub
- 59 English boys' school
- 60 Inlet
- 61 One given to despondent views
- 63 Shade tree
- 64 War horse
- 65 By birth

- VERTICAL
- 1 Poetic: to unclose
  - 2 Completely
  - 3 Clump
  - 4 Mixes
  - 5 Symbol for actinium
  - 6 Ancient tribal tax
  - 7 To grate
  - 8 Anaesthetic
  - 9 Overly
  - 10 Poetic: formerly
  - 11 Imitation
  - 13 Vegetable

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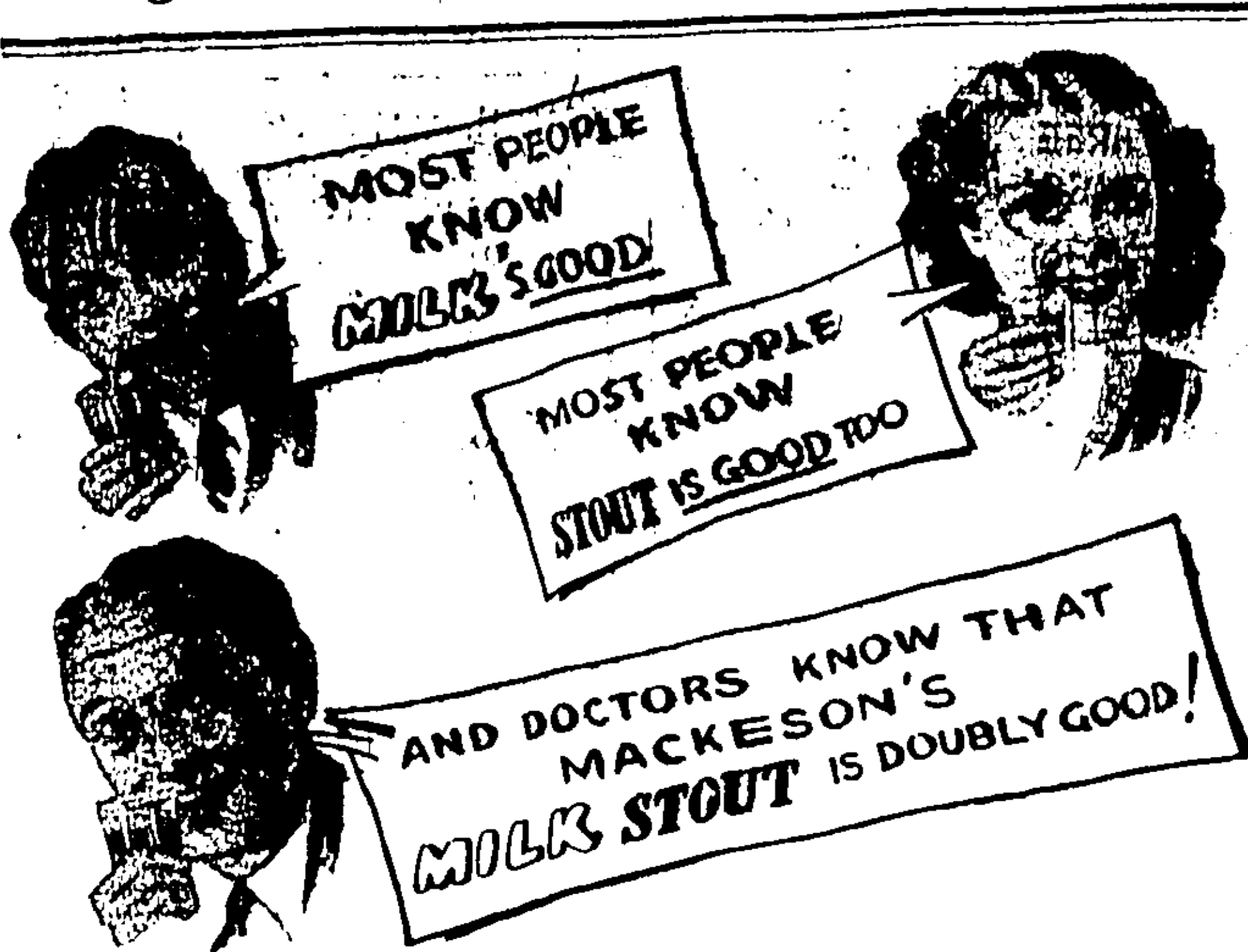
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# A NIGHT WITH LONDON FIRE FIGHTERS

Miss Helen Kirkpatrick of the London staff of the Chicago "Daily News," sent the following message to her paper:

**OUR FIRST ALARM** of the evening had been caused by a handsome combination of a few high explosives and a "Molotoff breadbasket," and it was a pretty good blaze even in the eyes of the A.F.S., who do not consider anything less than a five-alarm fire worthy of mention.

Strictly speaking, it was not the first alarm that had been sounded, but it was the first our fire-fighting friends in the gigantic control room, feet underground, thought we should bother with. So we piled into a fire car and dashed off to a well-known Central London street. About 30 pumps were working on it when we got there, after making our way along the glass-covered street.

A building opposite to the one afire had been razed by explosive and we had to climb over heaps of bricks to get up to the front line where hoses were playing on the top of an office building. "Watch it. Hose coming up," and we jumped aside as another powerful stream leapt in the air. The accumulation of hoses, firemen and police in the small area suggested that we had better make way, so we stood on the steps of an adjacent building. Just then came the now familiar whizz of an approaching bomb and someone yelled, "Down flat, everybody."

## A Useful Piece Of Soap

Our fireman guide stuck out his foot to trip me up, but I was already flat by then inside a door. A thud and boom sounded down the street and everyone picked himself up.

It was well under control and only smoke with an occasional flicker poured from the top floors. It occurred to someone that an old-fashioned gas street light was going as merrily as in peace-time. "Anyone got a piece of soap?"

A policeman disappeared into the building and returned with a cake. As it smothered the gas out he called: "Hey, mate, don't forget to return it. I might want to wash me hands."

There wasn't much more to be seen there, so we moved off to the nearest fire station to find out if there were any more outbreaks requiring a visit. As we drove up to the station three distinct and successive whizzes sounded. We three back-seaters buried our heads in our hands, but not the firemen, who never turned a hair.

## Explosion Rocks Car

When the explosions sounded, hours later so it seemed to us, they were 50 yards away, and the car rocked like a ship in a storm. As we came out of our ostrich positions a sharp blow on the back of the car sent us to the exit with unparalleled speed. But it was only a bit of hot shrapnel, which dented the fender.

Behind us we saw a deep red glow, and without waiting further information we roared through the night towards it, not heeding the traffic lights and one-way streets. We made a pretty good guess at its location and arrived as a second group of pumps pulled up. It was another office building on the fringe of a residential area.

Our guide took charge of the hoses, and we ran them up through the building to the roof and clambered up after them—two firemen and myself. Twelve feet away the roof was a roaring inferno, and the hose was kicking like a mustang as the pressure increased. It was a narrow ledge, and I thought retreat downwards more interesting.

## Historic Church Afire

An elevator was still running to the top floor, with a woman warden bearing a tray of tea for the firemen. No sooner had my fire-officer guide established hoses in position and seen the fire was controlled than another broke out 500 yards down the street.

Off we went, and reached it before any pumps arrived.

It was one of London's loveliest and oldest historic churches. Flames were eating the centuries-old beams, like paper, and the beautiful stained-glass windows were cracking

like chestnuts in a roaster. My firemen took charge, opening fireplugs for pumps which came up one every few seconds. I again retreated across the street. But to-day, when every other citizen in this city is pretty close to being a hero, the fire fighters stand out. There are no words to describe their fearlessness.

Of all this vast organisation a mere 2,500 are regular peacetime firemen, and they think their volunteer comrades pretty splendid. No one could disagree.

## THE R.A.F.'S WAY IS BETTER

"The Nazis do not care a damn for the civilian population of Germany," said Mr. Robert Boothby, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary of the Ministry of Food, replying in Manchester to the demand for the bombing of Berlin in reprisal for the attacks on London.

"Hitler, Goering and Co. stuck at nothing in their rise to power, not even the murder of their friends, so why should they stop at the mass murder of their enemies?" he asked. ("There is only one answer—

## HITLER WILL FAIL

Broadcasting on Hitler's efforts to destroy the free Press of Britain, Mr. F. P. Bishop, assistant manager of the "Times," said:

"We are determined that he shall not succeed, and I think we can promise that he will not. I say that because after the experience of the last fortnight we know that the spirit of our people in the newspaper industry is quite unshaken and quite unshakable. These tired, harassed, cheerful, undaunted members of a peaceful industry are equal to any trials the war may bring."

to hit 'em back where it hurts them most. This the R.A.F. is doing. To those who are demanding attacks on the civilian population of Germany I say that the Nazis do not care for their civilian population, but they do care when their arsenals, munition factories, railways and barges are blown up."

Referring to the food production campaign, Mr. Boothby said: "The Government is determined that, come what may, an adequate supply of essential foodstuffs shall be available at prices which the poorer classes can afford to pay. We are already subsidising bread, meat, and bacon to the tune of over a million pounds a week."

## GROWING RESISTANCE TO NAZIS IN FRANCE

WHILE IT would be unwise to entertain exaggerated hopes of a French recovery, there is no doubt that both the Germans and the Vichy Government are beginning to feel the increasing difficulties of the present situation.

This is clear from the Press of both the occupied and the non-occupied sections of the country. The heavy German demands in cash and in kind have had a depressing effect, and the latest news shows that the longer the German invasion of Britain is delayed and the more the de Gaulle movement grows in Africa, the more impulse will there be for centres of resistance to form in France.

"Candide," a weekly paper not unfavourable to Britain, speaks of such centres at Lyons, Sete and Grenoble—the first would be particularly important in view of the industrial character of the town—and mentions that the town council of Dijon has had to be dissolved.

Meanwhile, the Germans are trying to soothe the population. The "Matin" (Paris) publishes a strongly worded denial that the Germans have ever requisitioned for their own purposes two of the commodities now most prized in France—bicycles and bedclothes. Should an isolated case be proved, it continues, exemplary punishment will follow.

What the Germans have of course, done is to "purchase" individually, with "useless" marks, bed linen and other textiles, so that the French inhabitants cannot now replace those worn out.

## Sympathy With De Gaulle

To combat the latent sympathy with the de Gaulle movement the "Petit Parisien" (Paris) of the

same day attempts to prove that there is no unrest in Morocco.

"According to the most recent and most accurate information," writes this newspaper, "there is no truth in these statements. There is complete tranquillity in Morocco, where there has never been any thought of secession from France, or of listening to appeals made from foreign countries. Morocco has no intention of denying or deserting a regime which has given it perfect security and a perfect existence."

There is no lack of sympathy for the inhabitants of London and other towns now being intensively bombed by the Germans. The official wireless news sent out from Lyons is guarded, but it gives the British figures as well as the German, while adding a fair amount of news derived from New York.

The "Figaro" (Clermont-Ferrand) writes: "Let us ask ourselves how we should have stood this trial, which was spared us. The thought fills us with compassion, and the resistance of the British throws light on the courage of those who believed in the destiny of Britain."



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## FINANCING "ALL AID"

The late Lord Lothian, on stepping from his returning plane at LaGuardia Airport at the end of last month, with one brief and simple statement frankly raised a problem which every one knew to exist, which in any event had to be faced sooner or later.

The United States is dedicated to the policy of all aid to Britain short of war. But so far it has not relieved the British of the necessity of paying cash on the barrel head for every item of material aid which they have got from the United States. It has been a policy of all aid on a strictly cash basis. And, as Lord Lothian observed, the cash is running out. The gold and securities, which are their only means of making cash payments, will be used up "before long", some time in the coming year "other means of payment will have to be found" unless the Americans are suddenly to dry up the stream of supplies.

For it is important to realise that this problem of payment is not simply a British problem; it is an American problem. The maintenance of that stream of supplies is vital to the United States—only less vital than it is to Great Britain—and it is folly to suppose that the U.S. could bring it to an end merely because Britain was no longer able to pay a cash profit for the privilege of fighting a battle the Americans have now deeply realised to be their own. As the "New York Times" said the other day, it is not for Americans to wait on British pleas; it is for Americans themselves to decide how they are to meet the financial necessities of American policy to which they are committed.

The immediate stop-gap solution would be to throw American credit resources open in the same way that American industrial resources are now open. Only two legal barriers stand in the way—the Johnson act and the financial provisions of the neutrality act. Neither has much application to the present situation. The first was primarily an attempt to collect the old World War debts—a dead issue now, and one which is certainly not going to paralyse the British war effort and so deliver the world to Hitler. The second enactment sprang mainly from the idea of preventing the nation's being "dragged" thoughtlessly or unintentionally into war by the creation of a financial interest in one side. Nothing of that kind is now involved. The policy of "all aid" was not adopted for financial reasons; it was forced upon the American people as the one best way of preserving their democracy and their security in a world-shaking time, and it is incredible that this clause of the neutrality act should prevent their making that policy good. The clause itself, incidentally, has nothing to do with legal neutrality, which has never forbidden the supply of credit to a belligerent.

These two laws do not apply to the desperately practical problem which the exhaustion of British cash resources will produce. And to stop simply with the repeal of the Johnson act and the financial section of the neutrality act would be to take a dangerously narrow view of the real problem. Perhaps it would be something to permit Britain to borrow. But could private capital come anywhere near meeting the real needs? The real issue has been posed by Mrs. Roosevelt, wife of the President. Is it sensible to bequeath another insoluble war-debt problem to the ruined dawn of peace? The policy of "all aid" is not a policy of only such aid as Britain can beg or borrow the money to pay for; it is now posed as a policy of all aid that the United States can give, because the United States has a vital interest in British survival. That means not only ships and planes, not only loans, but subsidies. In the financial as in every other field it means the broad view and the boldest action.

"In days to come," said the "Star" "historians may well describe the failure of the air offensive to destroy Britain's resistance this summer as one of the decisive battles of the world." That is a just estimate of the implications of the air war as it has developed since the surrender of France.

Hitler's High Command undoubtedly believed, after that deplorable event, that by using its air power to the full it could bring Britain to her knees with the same overwhelming rapidity which had caused the collapse of lesser enemies.

The complete failure to accomplish our destruction by this means—a fact now admitted in Axis circles and recognised with gratitude by the friends of Britain—is a positive and serious defeat for the enemy. What is

surprising is that the British people has taken this striking achievement with phlegmatic calm, as if it were a matter of course and not a glorious salvation which few people outside the British Isles thought possible.

Our victory should be noised abroad for all that it is worth in order to produce its full moral

By A.J. Cummings

effect in countries which are still doing reluctant obeisance to the Nazis or are uncertain how to act until they are convinced that Germany is not a certain winner.

### Terror Bombing

Having, at least for the time being, abandoned his vain attempts to destroy the R.A.F.,

the enemy has turned openly and unashamedly to terror-bombing. This can only be done effectively at night, since in the daytime his bombers and fighters encounter R.A.F. pilots conscious of their superiority, and deliberately avoid direct combats. They slip through here and there, but always at hazard.

The nocturnal fury of the enemy bombers is still concentrated on London. Night after night hundreds of high explosive bombs and incendiaries are rained upon different parts of the Metropolitan area, for the most part at random, and apparently with the sole object of attacking civilian morale and so disintegrating the social and economic life of the capital.

### Military Objectives

In "total" warfare that is a military objective; indeed, nothing

ceases to be a military objective in total warfare, which is waged by the Germans to-day without mercy and without any regard for the so-called laws of international warfare.

As long as they are strong, and deem themselves secure from defeat, the Nazi leaders will continue to destroy private houses and private citizens indiscriminately. They will stop only when they are in danger of losing the war or discover that the morale of their own people is visibly weakening.

### British Bombers

Up to the present British bombing crews, carrying out what I know to be strict instructions, in accordance with a carefully devised strategic programme, have aimed only at specified military targets. The destruction of the great synthetic oil plant at Ploetz was a magnificent example of legitimate aerial bombardment.

But it would be foolish to pretend that when military targets are attacked in the heart of Berlin and in other great German towns the misses and near-misses do not frighten and slay and wound large numbers of human beings who do not wear a soldier's uniform.



That is one of the inevitable horrors of war in the air. Air-parity between two great belligerent nations does nothing to diminish the horror. It serves only to equalise the casualties. I am afraid that, as the British bombing forces approach in numbers and then overtake those of the enemy, and carry their menace deeper still into enemy country, the civilian casualties on both sides will rise and this form of the conflict will develop into a ferocious war of naked reprisals.

### Hitler's Eastern Front

Other possibilities, of course, are the default of the German Air Force under increasing pressure or the diversion of large elements from Western to Eastern Europe. It is improbable that any large diversion will be made to Egypt. But in a war against Russia, or against Russia and Turkey combined, the German High Command would be compelled to transfer a very considerable proportion of her air power to the Eastern Front.

Is there the slightest chance that Germany will find herself at war with Russia before she has been able to settle her accounts with the British Empire? It is a fascinating speculation; and it is not altogether beyond the bounds of possibility in this strange and fluctuating conflict of mutual fears and rival ambitions.

### Two-Front War

But my own belief is that Germany, having at the beginning averted the peril of a two-front war, will not incur it now or at any time, even though the military might of France has melted away. British striking power grows stronger every day; and America is moving with ever increasing impetus to the verge of war.

marine's most dreaded foe because it not only can attack with bombs, but in many instances it can spot a submarine that is submerged at considerable depth. When a plane is sighted, the submarine dives and remains submerged until it feels sure the plane has departed.

So it would appear that arrangements should be made to provide convoys with aeroplane escorts which will afford protection against submarines and enemy aeroplanes, and also be a means for early detection of surface raiders.

Convoys to and from North America seem to be suffering the most from Nazi attacks. It is only some 1,800 miles from Newfoundland to Land's End; and modern flying boats at both ends of this route should have no difficulty in conducting patrols over this area. What can be done is indicated by the fact that the United States Navy planes are flying daily from Southern New England to Nova Scotia and back between morning and mid-afternoon. Planes can fly from San Diego to Panama or Pearl Harbour without stopping.

With performance of this kind there is no reason why the 1,800 miles between Newfoundland and Britain cannot be covered several times a day. If the weather is good, the planes can see the submarines; for the most part, if the weather is too bad for flying, submarines are likewise concerned with looking after their own welfare.



## Air Defence for Convoys

Britain may need to call upon its power in the air to redress the balance of its power on the seas.

Studying the intensified German attack upon British shipping leaves the inescapable conclusion that further adaptation of aeroplanes to convoy and general naval use holds a possible answer to Britain's shipping problem.

That problem is greater than in the World War, as has been made clear in previous articles.

### New Submarine

But the danger of the German attack lies not alone in the additional bases from which the Nazis are operating. There are two other significant reasons:

1. German submarines have adapted the "listening" devices used by surface craft to detect submarines. Equipped with these same devices, they are able to track ships and fire their torpedoes "blind" without exposing their periscopes.

2. Using torpedoes detonated by a device actuated magnetically, rather than by contact, the submarines no longer fear shallow-draft destroyers.

During daylight, a submarine on the surface can sight a ship when it is miles away, and long before

there is any chance of the submarine being seen from the ship. Previously when it became necessary for a submarine to submerge, it had to expose its periscopes briefly from time to time

By Capt. Frederick L. Oliver

in order to plot its position with relation to the intended victim. Trained eyes, alert for the telltale wake a periscope makes, frequently were able to give an alarm in time to permit the submarine's attack being frustrated, and an attack being launched against the submarine.

With the new listening device it is unnecessary for a submarine to use its periscope. It not only tracks its target while completely submerged, but is able to aim torpedoes by the same means. At night the same device enables a submarine to detect and attack vessels that otherwise would have passed unseen.

The submarine does not show the same wholesome respect for the destroyer that it did during the World War when the mere appearance of the latter on the horizon was usually sufficient to send the submarine scurrying

away. This change in procedure is entirely due to the development of the magnetic firing device for the torpedo.

In the World War the submarine had practically no means of attacking a destroyer, because the latter's small draft made it necessary for torpedoes to be set to run so close to the surface that, except in a smooth sea, they would break surface and run erratically. A torpedo advertising itself in this manner was an open invitation for the destroyer to charge down its wake to ram the submarine or shower it with depth bombs.

The advent of the magnetic firing device has entirely changed this state of affairs, and incidentally is responsible for the havoc torpedoes have wrought in this war, because they now explode directly under a ship instead of against its side where part of the force of the explosion would be dissipated in disturbing only water.

A submarine now can set its torpedo to run deep enough to prevent broaching, and yet be assured that when it runs under a destroyer, the magnetic device will cause it to detonate, and no aftermath of depth bombs will result. The aeroplane is the sub-

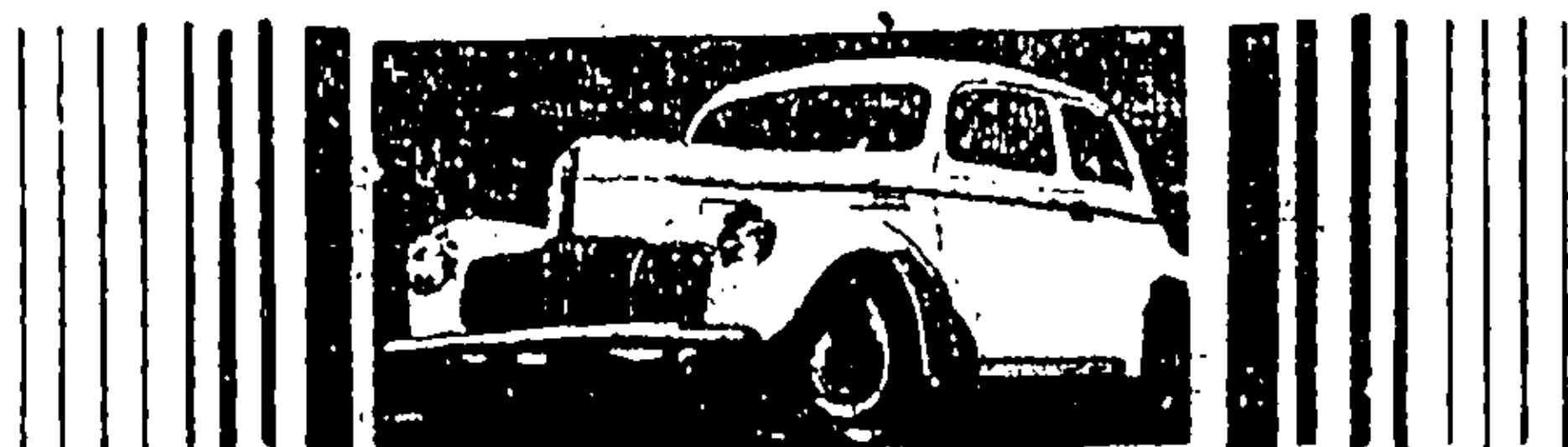


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# HEAVY DAMAGE IN CENTRAL LONDON

CENTRAL LONDON had a heavy air raid in the early hours, when bombs dropped at random on non-military objectives struck such widely differing buildings as a Wren church famous in nursery rhyme and a well-known cinema.

A bomb which hit the railings of the church destroyed many priceless stained-glass windows, most of them more than two and a half centuries old.

The famous bells have not been damaged, but much of the fabric of the building suffered badly. The damage would have been much less but for an unlucky chance.

Instead of burying itself in the earth of the churchyard and throwing its blast upwards, the bomb, a 100-pounder, struck the top of an iron gate set in the heavy railings surrounding the church. It exploded virtually in mid-air, and did extensive damage to the north face of the building, to the fabric and windows of the western corner of buildings opposite, and to shops and offices over a wide area.

**Disconsolate Caretaker**

The blast was so great that a column of old ivy, toughly embedded in the wall of the church, was blown in a roll along the front of the building.

The church caretaker, who guards the building nightly, was disconsolate. He had taken great precautions to protect the stained-glass windows, which were his special pride, and was upset to see his handiwork lying shattered around him.

"I was in the vaults when the bomb came down," he said. "The explosion shook the old church and I came up to see what had happened."

"Stained glass windows, already protected by quarter-inch plate glass, were strewn on the floor. The bomb had hit a double-bolted gate which hasn't been opened for years and splinters flew all over the place. If it had hit the earth it wouldn't have done nearly so much damage. The vaults below

there are protected by four feet of solid stone."

The court buildings had been peppered with bomb splinters. White wounds nicked out of the blackened stones looked as if a massive hand had thrown salt against the building.

**A.F.S. Heroes**

The licensee of a public-house in an area affected by fire earned the praise and thanks of A.F.S. men who helped to fight a fierce blaze. Although warned to evacuate his premises because of the increasing danger, he refused to go, and continued to provide refreshments throughout the night for the firemen and wardens.

"If they could risk their skins fighting fires, then so could I," the landlord said. "It was just a job of work that had to be done. The firemen were grateful for the hot drinks and sandwiches, and I was glad to be able to help."

Other Central London buildings damaged included the Associated Press of America building, a popular restaurant, in which diners were flung from their seats by a bomb explosion. Many were injured and taken to hospital. The band continued to play, "There'll always be an England," as the restaurant rocked with the shock.

**Oil Bomb Hits Church**

The basement of another building which was hit was converted into a casualty clearing station for the district, and doctors and ambulance workers did great work with the injured.

An oil bomb destroyed the roof of a church in South-West London. The Vicar said: "We were sheltering in the Crypt with 50 people who have been bombed out of their homes. We heard a thud and, running out, saw that the church roof was ablaze."

"With a churchwarden and a sidesman I rushed into the church and, while the roof was burning, we helped to save ornaments, hymn-books and other articles. Other people formed a line from the church door to the church hall and the ornaments were passed from hand to hand to safety."

**Boarding House Dead**

Nine people were rescued unhurt from the wreckage of three boarding houses in South-West London which were hit by a bomb. A.R.P. workers were still digging among the debris to recover the bodies of others believed to have been killed.

It was disclosed that premises damaged in recent raids included Selfridges in Oxford Street and an Indian students' hostel attached to London University.

## DEVIL'S ISLE

Reports from French Guiana suggest that inhabitants of Devil's Island will declare for General de Gaulle, no matter what the local governor decides.

These men fear the Vichy Government might restore the old harsh penal system which was abolished by the Popular Front Government in France.

The Blum Ministry was very susceptible to the world disgust aroused by brutalities practised in this part of the French Empire, but they would not go as far as repatriating the men whose labour was essential to the working of this rich colony.

**No Food Or Wages**

Since France went out of the war Vichy has ignored Guiana. Food and wages have not been sent, and a number of "colonists" who have escaped to other terri-

## TOO CLEVER A.R.P.

A London business man who values his sleep has lately declined to follow his wife and family to the safety and discomfort of their air-raid shelter. He has made his bed nightly under the dining-room table. With the sideboard on one side and the wall on the other, he considered he had good enough protection against the collapse of his house.

The other night, however, he was awakened, so sharply by so loud an explosion that he sat up violently and knocked himself unconscious on the underside of the table.

## 'MOSQUITO' FLEET FOR U.S.A.

America's new "mosquito" boat fleet could be transported in warships, specially constructed to carry them, to points where they might be needed to operate in an emergency.

This plan is being considered and if it were put into operation would open up a new phase in naval warfare.

To decide the type of "mosquito" craft most suitable for the United States navy, the Navy Department offered prizes of 15,000 dollars (£3750) each for designs for a 59ft. motor torpedo boat, an 81ft. motor torpedo boat, and 110ft. and 165ft. submarine chasers. All these new craft are to be known as "p" boats.

Four of the 59ft. class have been delivered and reached a speed of 40 knots. They are equipped with two 12 cylinder, 1200 horse-power petrol engines.

**British Designs**

Four of the 81ft. class are building, and it is reported that at least one is constructed of aluminium alloy.

All these types cost between £21,000 and £24,600 each. Two of the 110ft. submarine chasers costing £48,000 each are on order.

The largest type, a 165ft. submarine chaser, is building at a cost of about 1,225,000 dollars (£306,250). She is an all-welded steel craft and is intended for patrol work as well as anti-submarine service. The speed is understood to be about 22 knots.

In addition, 23 vessels are on order to plans arranged by Mr. Hubert Scott-Paine, the British "mosquito" boat designer.

These vessels are 70ft. long with three petrol engines giving a maximum of 4050 horse-power. Twelve are being completed as motor-torpedo boats and the rest as submarine chasers without torpedo tubes.

All of the 59ft., 70ft. and 81ft. craft, totalling 32, are to be completed within the next four or five months.

tories have declared their intention of fighting for Free France. But some of the old convicts on the mainland think that a Nazi victory, by wiping out the record of their past, would give them another chance.

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## U.S. PUBLIC SAYS:

# "MORE BOMBS ON GERMANY THE BETTER IT IS"

HITLER MAY NOT BE having much success with his attempts to terrorise the people of London into demanding peace, but it would be no exaggeration to say that he is inspiring in the hearts and minds of American people admiration for the people of Great Britain, which will prove a factor of great importance in the post-war world.

These two peoples, it must be confessed, have not understood one another very well in the past. They have known too little about one another, and on both sides of the Atlantic there have been many fundamental misconceptions.

## TO THE SHELTER BY COACH

Large numbers of people who leave their own districts to seek "safety-spots" elsewhere are providing a serious problem for London shelter wardens.

Loaded with bedding, blankets, and bundles of clothes, they arrive at shelters long before the sirens sound so they can stake their claims. Local people find themselves crowded out.

An official of a large London borough, which has spent large sums on its shelters, told a reporter:

"The problem of keeping our own people safe is becoming acute. Night after night, as the raids have intensified, crowds of people from neighbouring districts are arriving by train, in private car, and even by 2s motor-coach trips, to lay claim to the few spots in our shelters."

"We are not selfish, but we know that our nightly visitors come from places which are adequately provided with good shelters."

### "Very Wrong"

Civil Defence authorities are also troubled by people who insist on sleeping in street shelters, and leave no room for passers-by caught in raids.

The Ministry of Home Security describes this practice as "very wrong and very selfish."

London Transport Board held a conference to discuss the problem of people who buy tube tickets with the intention of sheltering on the platforms and in the corridors.

## TOWN TO GO TO EARTH

Underneath Stockport is a network of tunnels providing underground shelter in case of air raids, for nearly 20,000 people. Ultimately it is hoped to extend these caves, hewn out of red sandstone, and give absolute safety from bombs for every one of the town's 133,000 inhabitants.

At present, there are five underground shelters. The largest accommodates 8,000 people. At one point it runs directly underneath the stage of a local theatre. Stockport's tunnels are so deep that no bomb which hit on top could damage them.

An immediate project is to build cubicles in the present tunnels, fitting four to six bunks in each. Consideration is also being given to the question of pumping warm air into the town's caves.

Now day after day Americans are reading things about the British which are putting them in an entirely new light.

Sympathy for their sufferings goes hand in hand with a deep and growing respect for qualities which were not suspected by many in this country.

As far as the actual military situation is concerned, American correspondents in London continue to display great optimism. "The morale of the people," writes Raymond Daniell in the New York "Times" is still holding up, and if the aim of the present German reign of terror is to rain bombs on this capital to force the evacuation of its population and spread chaos over the country, there is a long road to travel."

### More People in London

"Not only are there more people residing in London than a year ago, when the war was young and evacuation was popular, but there are also more sticking to their jobs and going on their accustomed ways than when air raids were a comparatively new experience and their destructiveness rather an unknown quantity."

Writing in the New York "Herald Tribune," one of the London correspondents, Edward Angly, says: "Five weeks of German air attack on England, the last two weeks of it concentrated largely on London, have made only a minor dent in Britain's strategic industries, war supplies, and communications, it was announced to-day."

There is considerable confidence in the accuracy of these official British statements, because they are confirmed in Washington by members of the Administration who have access to confidential reports.

### Nazi Bombs On Hospitals

Information available in London after the "All Clear," states Raymond Daniell, "indicated that though the bombers had covered a wide area, their attacks had been less effective than on recent nights." In the past 24 hours the censorship has evidently been more strict, and Raymond Daniell points out that little can be said about military objectives. "This is important for the reader to remember," he insists, "so that he can keep the record straight, and avoid distortion of the picture."

Museums, hospitals and churches, he remarks, "seem to have an uncanny attraction" for Nazi bombs. Meanwhile the Nazi Propaganda Department continues to demonstrate its essentially unreliable character. Few Americans are impressed by Berlin reports of the Nazi "rage" over R.A.F. attacks. "The German Press," says the Berlin correspondent of the New York "Times," "is plumbing hitherto unknown depths of threatening invective."

The general feeling in America is that the more bombs that fall on Germany the better.

## PRISONERS "INSURED"

Prisoners of war in Germany are to be insured against accident, according to the German News Agency.

The indemnity is fixed on the basis of the cash allowance paid to the prisoners.

The Order is issued by the German Ministry of Labour, and it is probable that the accidents contemplated are those occurring when prisoners are at work.

## WOMEN SPOT RAIDERS

Spotting type of enemy planes is now a popular pastime among women in southeast coast towns.

After the sirens have sounded they wait for the drone of the raiders' engines, and, as the planes appear, they pick out and count the various kinds.

After months in the front line these women who have stayed in their seaside homes, have wholehearted contempt for Goering's airmen.

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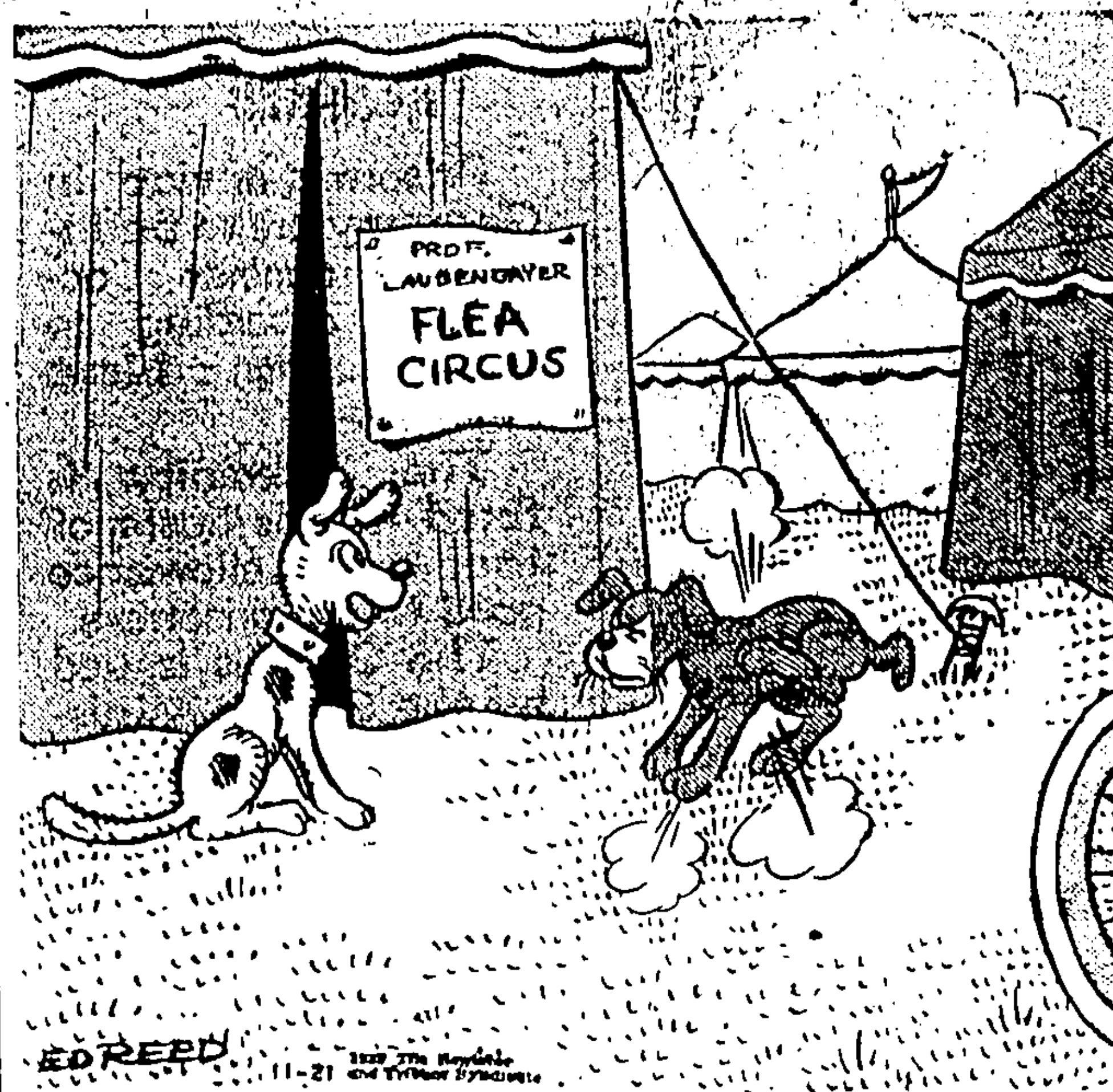
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BRILLIANT DEFENCE By The Four Aces

A brilliant defensive play was made in a recent rubber bridge game by Edwin Veres, of Baltimore, Md. Here's the hand:

North, Dealer  
North-South vulnerable  
AK10865  
K107  
1065  
A  
943  
A62  
2  
K1086  
52  
N  
W  
E  
S  
J8  
Q5  
AQJ9  
3  
J943  
Q7  
J9843  
K874  
Q7

The bidding:  
North East South West  
1 Pass 2 Pass  
3 Pass 4 Pass  
Pass Pass

Mr. Veres, sitting West, opened the singleton diamond against South's rather ambitious contract. East won with the diamond Ace and returned the Queen, South covering with the King of diamonds. It was at this point that Mr. Veres suppressed the natural impulse to ruff in favour of thinking matters through to a logical conclusion.

It was clear that the four tricks needed to defeat the contract had to be won in the red suits. But unless the lead could be given to East to cash his diamond winner, South would manage to draw trumps, and discard diamonds on dummy's spades.

It was equally clear that East could not gain the lead in either black suit; and that West could not, while South would not lead diamonds. Hence East's only possible entry was in the trump suit. With this analysis, West discarded instead of ruffing.

Now East could not be prevented from winning a trick with the heart Queen in time to cash a second diamond trick. But note that West loses the defense if he ruffs the diamond King. South knows the game is lost if East can get in, so is forced to play West for the Ace of trumps; and that prevents East from getting the lead, and the defense is held to the two red Aces and a low rump.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

AKJ5  
Q10864  
A9  
K10

The bidding:  
You Schenken Jacoby Haler  
1 Pass 1NT Pass  
2 Pass 2NT Pass  
(7)

ANSWER: Bid three no-trump. You have excellent strength in the minor suits, and the hand should produce a game if your partner has a few fillers and a high card or two.

Score 100% for three no-trump, 10% for pass.

Question No. 592

To-day you are Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

Q88  
J7  
K1086  
Q88

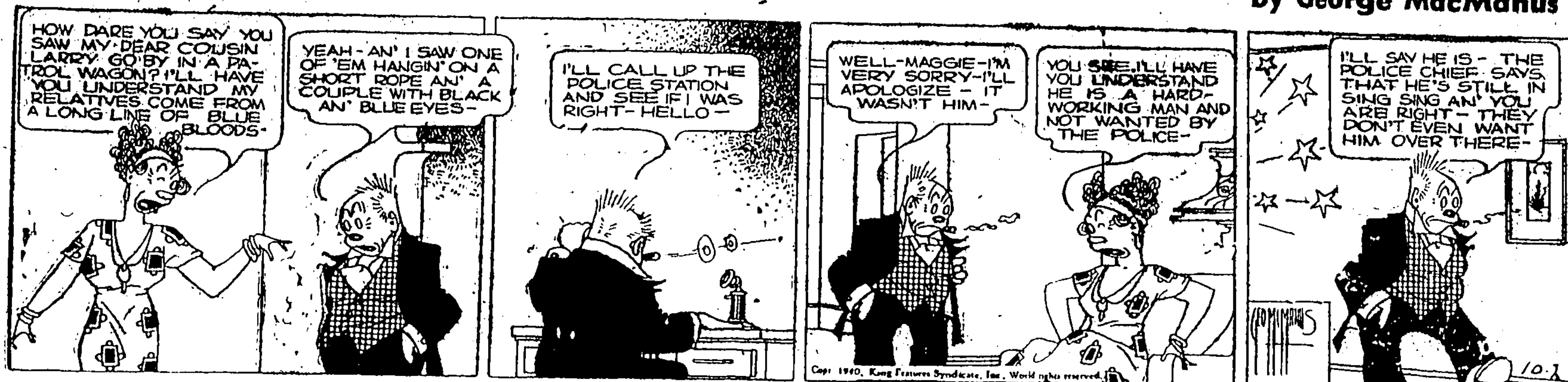
The bidding:  
Schenken Jacoby Haler  
1 Pass (7)  
What do you bid? (Answer: To-morrow.)

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## Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



## A PAGE FOR WOMEN Christmas Photograph

We give photographs as gifts because they are likenesses not because we want a friend to have a glamorous picture of a pretty girl! People love you because you are you, and that you should be caught by the camera. So many girls make the mistake of attempting to look like screen stars when they have their portraits taken.

By all means look natural when you go to the photographers! Have your hair dressed as usual and see that it is set at least two days before your appointment. Brush it out well (to encourage highlights) and arrange it softly—set waves and ringlets are too static to have any beauty.

Be sure to select a day when you look rested and happy. There are certain days in each month when a girl is bound to look a bit peaked. Don't have your picture taken then. Rest well a couple of nights before, so your eyes will be bright and your skin clear. The camera, my dears, catches every little eye puff and every little tired line—so give it your best face to work on!

Speaking of eyes—they should be made up expertly with shadow, mascara and brow pencil. I said expertly—not so laden with

cosmetics they look like the vampires of the silent screen!

When you face the camera don't get frightened. Let light and humour sparkle in your eyes make them speak for you. You can do this only if you are relaxed, and entirely unselfconscious. Joke with the photographer if you can, so a natural and not a forced smile will light up your face and make your eyes dance with merriment. Some authorities say that a smiling photograph grows boring after a while, but I do not agree with them. If your smile is natural I think it adds to your photograph, particularly if you plan to give it to your best beau and to members of your family. A photograph for commercial reasons may be a more serious study.

If you have freckles, let them show, but try to conceal minor

blemishes. Many models highlight their skin with a very thin layer of grease cream, and others coat their skin with pancake make-up such as 'the stars use.' But a good foundation cream and a careful powdering with a shade approved by your photographer should give you a sufficiently nice skin texture.

Be wary of lipstick. In fact you should seek your photographer's advice as to which shade is better. Some reds photograph either too light or too dark, but there is a lip colour which gives you just the depth you want.

Wear a simple dress, for simplicity is fashionable throughout the ages—a fussy dress dates too quickly. Ask the photographer to take several poses—front face, profile and both sides at least. We all have an angle which photographs best.

## Cold Left-Over Turkey can be turned into exciting fresh hot dishes

says Dorothy Greig

**T**HE turkey is in full glory on the first day, appearing in all his golden succulence and tenderness as a whole roasted bird.

The second day he does nobly, too, as a cold platter filled with legs and wings and slices of breast meat around a mound of savory dressing.

But by the third and fourth days, while there's lots of him left, he is pretty much reduced to scraps. That's where a big change takes place. He returns to the family table all dressed up as fresh hot dishes and we rejoice and enjoy him with renewed zest.

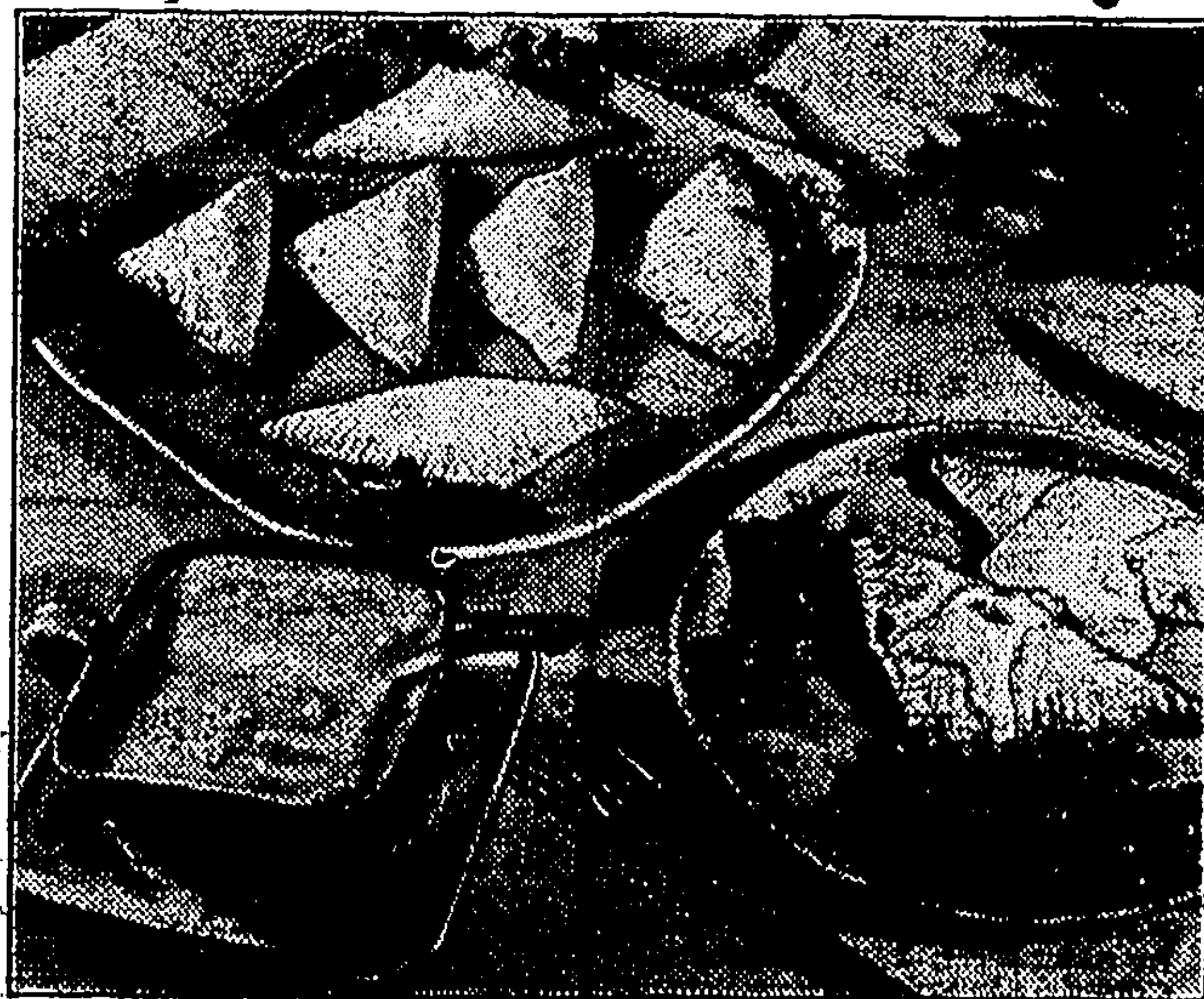
Who likes flaky pastry turnovers? Everybody... and all the more so when the filling is turkey and they are served with a sauce that gives them extra flavor:

baking tray and bake in a hot oven (450°) for 15 minutes. Makes 8 turnovers.

**Mushroom-Pea Sauce.**  
½ cup condensed cream of mushroom soup  
¼ cup condensed pea soup  
¼ cup milk

Combine soups. Then add milk and heat, but do not boil. Serve over the "Hot Turkey Turnovers".

Turkey can reappear as a creamy la king dish, too, to the deep contentment of all those who are served therewith:



Turkey Turnovers with Mushroom-Pea Sauce present leftover turkey as a hot fresh dish.

**Hot Turkey Turnovers with Mushroom-Pea Sauce**  
2 cups cooked turkey, chopped  
¼ cup condensed cream of mushroom soup  
¼ cup milk

Combine turkey with soup and mix well.

**Pastry for Turnovers:** Sift 3 cups flour, add ½ teaspoon salt and ¼ cup shortening. Cut in shortening, then add ice water mixing with a fork until the dough holds together. Chill thoroughly. Roll out pastry on floured board and cut into 4½ inch squares. Put a spoonful of turkey mixture on each square, moisten edges of pastry and fold corners, pressing edges together with a fork. Put on a greased

**Turkey a la King**  
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¼ cup pimiento (cut in strips ¼ inch wide by 1 inch long)  
1 egg yolk

Cut the turkey into pieces about ½ inch square.

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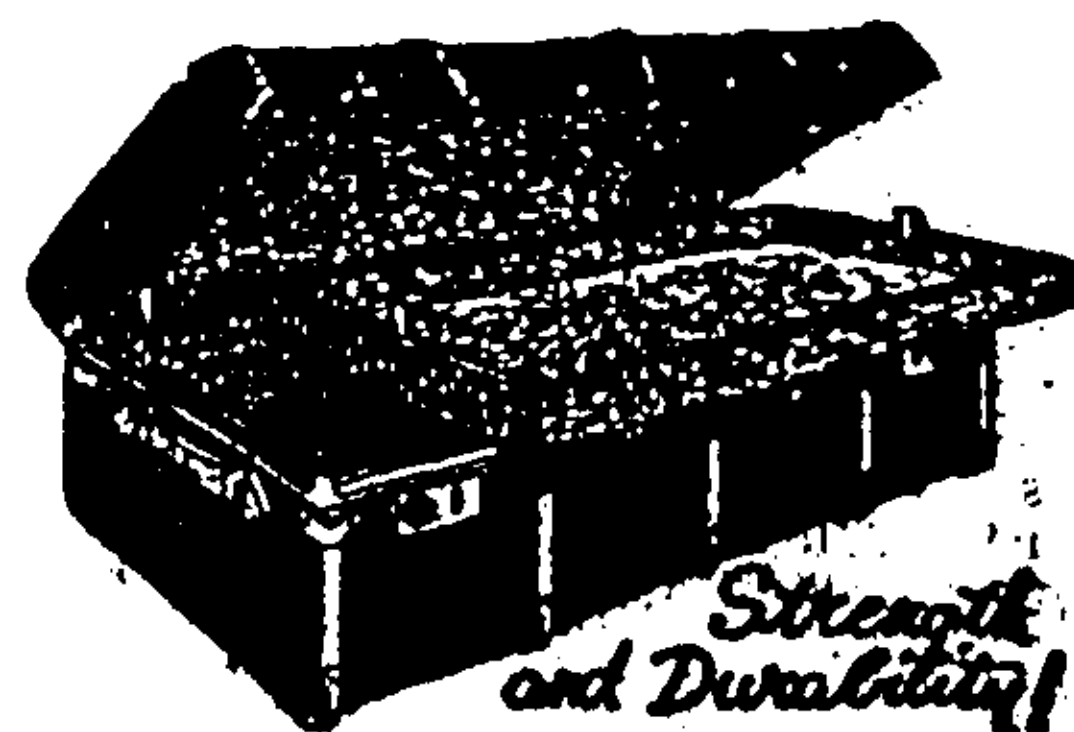
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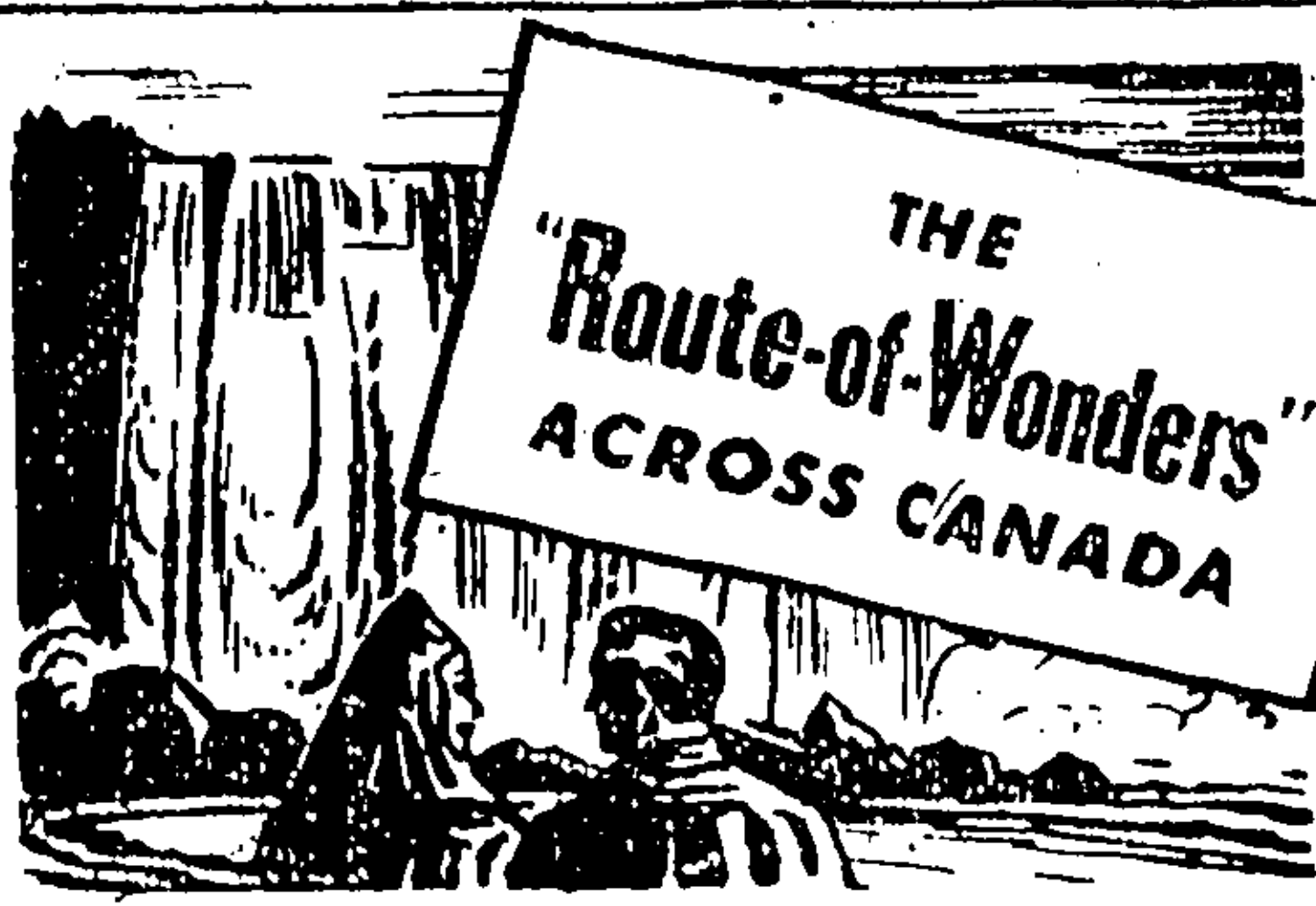
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## RADIO

12.30 p.m.—Betty Driver (Vocal) and George Scott Wood's The Six Swingers.

1.03 p.m.—Billy Mayerl at the Piano.

1.15 p.m.—Victor Silvester and His Ballroom Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Dvorak—Quartet in E Flat Major, Op. 51.

1st Mov: Allegro ma non troppo; 2nd Mov: Dumka (Elegie) (Andante con moto—Vivace); 3rd Mov: Romanze (Andante con moto); 4th Mov: Finale (Allegro assai).... Lener String Quartet.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.32 p.m.—Composition of Brahms. Tragic Overture, Op. 81...The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra cond. by Arturo Toscanini.

Intermezzo in E Flat Major, Op. 117, No. 1...Wilhelm Backhaus (Piano). In Silent Night; Little Sandman... Comedy Harmonists.

Intermezzo in B Flat Minor, Op. 117, No. 2...Wilhelm Backhaus (Piano).

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The Lullaby Boy Variety.

8.03 p.m.—A Programme of Early English Music.

8.30 p.m.—Studio—"British Dramatists" No. 4: Sheridan. Talk by Father T. Ryan, S.J.

8.50 p.m.—Songs by Dennis Noble (Baritone).

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.

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10.10 p.m.—Dance Music.

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Now the rumours have taken on a more sinister and alarming character in an attempt to create panic in certain parts of the country. Previously the rumours were based on generalities: Haw Haw was alleged to have said something that showed his local knowledge.

The Anti-Haw Haw League traced hundreds of these rumours and failed to find anyone who had heard such statements on the German wireless. The activity of the members stopped them.

To-day a new type of rumour has been started in dozens of centres as if by a single command. In Oxford it is reported that Haw Haw said:

We have not forgotten Morris and Pressed Steel Works, and we have kept a date for Thursday or Friday.

In South London Haw-Haw is alleged to have said:

We have not forgotten all you swine in Sydenham and Dulwich. Your turn is coming. It cannot be emphasised too strongly that the German wireless has never yet broadcast a threat against any specific locality—with the exception of London's a whole.

There is only one way to deal with the rumourmonger who wittingly or unwittingly helps Hitler. Take him by the scruff of the neck to the nearest policeman and make him prove his story. If he cannot, the courts can deal with him.



Dieter Dot says the trouble with these brisk fall days is that they whet one's appetite.

## JOKE LED TO HIS DEATH

A joke on a sentry led to Gunner George Peter Klein, twenty-one, of Norman Road, Leytonstone, London, being shot dead, it was suggested at an inquest at Sunderland when a verdict of Accidental death was returned.

An officer said that the man who fired the shot, Gunner Wilfred Young, explained that when they were on sentry duty he heard a sound behind him as if somebody had jumped. Klein caught the muzzle of Young's rifle, and Young's finger accidentally touched the trigger. The jury exonerated Young.

## CHUNG HWA LEAD JUNIOR DIVISION

By "Grandstand"

South China nine nosed out the Recreio Bees by 6-5, in a most exciting game in Second Division after the game was knotted at five all in the sixth.

The winning run came when Luigi Gosano, fumbled, Charlie Ng Chun Wah easy on for Pop Ng to score on Quan Wing-tim's single to centre.

The Bees scored in the third on Harry Chinn's fumble followed by R Soares' safety. Costly errors in the fifth assisted by two Recreio safeties piled up four more runs for the Bees for the game to be tied at five all.

Batting honours in the fray go to hindsnatcher Cecil "Sparks" Winglee and Charlie Ng Chun-wah, both of whom batted safely three of their four times to the plate, the former belting the longest clout of the game with a triple, which brought in two runs. Yum toed the rubber for the Chinese in the first frame, and was relieved by Bill Quon for the rest of the game, whilst Wilfred Lawrence hurled for the Bees.

V.R.C. severely trounced Air Force who were expected to put up a better fight than a 24-7 trouncing. Ernie Ribeiro, guarding the windy alley, played sparkling ball, besides batting safely two out of three times, whilst homers were clouted by Bimby Ablong and Quinn.

### A Double Play

Hemsley on the slab for the Airmen, struck out two but passed 10 Victorians which proved costly, whilst Brown for the V.R.C. whiffed three and only walked two.

In the sixth, Airmen dished up the only double killing by Hemsley, who snared Quinn's fly and tossed to Goodwin at first to tag out C. Rozario.

Chung Hwa retained the League leadership, although the Cosmos gave them anxious moments by holding the lead until the last inning. Diesta, Cosmo left gardener, hauled down every fly that came his way, and there were plenty of them hoisted, no less than seven in all. Chung Hwa finished at the long end of a 9-8 verdict.

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## INTER-HONG LEAGUE STARS

By "Grandstand"

In the opener of the Inter-Hong double header, Hong Kong Bankers swamped Cables by 12-2. For the first four innings, Cables were held scoreless, and only managed two markers in the fifth on errors.

The Wayfoong squad fielded tightly, and fielded their full team including Bertie and Gerry Gosano, both of the Recreio Aces, the latter clouting the only triple of the game. A. C. Brown, on the hill, whiffed one but passed none, whilst Cable's moundsman Wally Mohamed issued two walks to the Wayfoongs.

Profiting by Green Spot errors, Chartered Bankers triumphed over the Orange Squashers 20-21 despite the fact that they were limited to only four safeties. The Green Spots started well with clusters of four and five runs, but were unable to hold their lead, booting away the game, when eight Chartered markers came in in the third on only one measly hit, whilst two spurges of four runs in the next two frames clinched the game for them.

Home-runs were belted in by O'Sullivan, H. Remedios, A. K. Omar and Ernie Ribeiro, the last batting safely five out of five. "Dopey" Ozorio, dressed up in his Sunday togs, hurled for the Bankers, whilst A. B. Hassan assumed mound duties.

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There will be a draw for ponies by Members of the Cottage Club at 3.30 p.m. and the hunt will move off at 4 p.m.

Non-members, who can provide their own ponies, are cordially invited. Individual riders will also be very welcome.

In addition to the "President's Cup", which will be presented to the winner of the hunt, there will also be a "Ladies' Cup" for the first lady home and a cup for the second rider.

On Boxing Day, Cottage Club will hold their annual Christmas tiffin party and the President and Committee will welcome members, their families and their friends.

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An exceptionally large crowd attended, the various events were keenly contested, and with the track in such splendid condition, it was not altogether surprising that the China pony record for the 1 1/4 miles was lowered by Confusion Bay.

Honours amongst the Jockeys went to Mr. Donald Black, who rode four winners, a second and a third in seven starts, thus for the second time in his racing career having the coveted distinction of being Champion Jockey, the last time being in 1936. I feel sure that the Racing Public will join me in extending to Mr. Black hearty congratulations on his achievement, which was well deserved.

Mr. T. K. Li headed the owners' list with a win, a second and a third.

### Mr. Bradbury's Welcome

The first race, the Fardy Handicap for "B" Class China Ponies saw Humdrum Eve (Mr. Botelho) take a runaway lead from the start, with Lilliber, the ultimate winner, content to trail a little behind, followed by Red Feather (Mr. Wei). Gradually Mr. Chao crept up on the leader, and was abreast of Humdrum Eve 100 yards from the post. At this stage Lilliber responded to Mr. Chao's urge, and from then on it went on to win by threequarters of a length, with Humdrum Eve having the better of Kentucky by a neck for second place. Lilliber's win provided a nice little welcome for its owner, Mr. B. W. Bradbury, who on his return from holiday had the satisfaction of leading in the first winner of the day.

### Bob Charles Wins

In the second race, the Last Chance Handicap for "C" Class China Ponies, the result was not difficult to anticipate. After its previous performance in the Copshaw Handicap (First Section) over 1 1/4 miles, there was really nothing among the entries to upset Rob Roy, which was well and truly ridden by that veteran jockey Mr. R. H. Charles. Royal Wedding Eve (Mr. Craven) took the lead, followed by Jane Doe (Mr. Tang) and Rob Roy. After passing the Rock, Royal Wedding Eve faded out of the picture, leaving Jane Doe to take the lead, followed by Rob Roy and Eve of Hunting (Mr. Davis). Rounding the bend, Mr. Tang urged Jane Doe on to such an extent that it had a lead of a few lengths, but Mr. Charles did not appear unduly worried, and by the time the distance post was reached Jane Doe was rapidly firing, and Rob Roy had no difficulty in winning by two lengths from Emergency Unit (Mr. S. W. Lee), which came up with a burst on the outside to oust Jane Doe for second place by a short head. Mr. Charles was given a rousing ovation when the pony was led in by Mr. Poy, first string jockey, in the absence of Mr. Eu Tong-sen.

### Vixen Tor's Bad Luck

The third race, the Dilatory Handicap for "B" Class Australian ponies resulted in the first win of the afternoon for the Champion Jockey, Mr. Black, on Criffl, but had Vixen Tor not been lardy at the start the finish might have been different. Devonian (Mr. Trevorton) was made favourite and the race started with Double Finesse (Mr. Botelho) taking the lead, followed by Criffl and Australian Prince (Mr. Pan). After passing the football stands, Australian Prince moved up to second position, and there was no positional change until after passing the Rock, with the exception of Devonian replacing Criffl for third position. In the home stretch Double Finesse and Australian Prince gave up the struggle and were passed by Devonian, hotly pursued by Criffl, with Vixen Tor coming through strongly. These two indulged in a stern struggle, but Criffl had established

ed too big a lead, and try as he did Mr. Davis could not get the extra few yards out of Vixen Tor and had to be satisfied with being second, losing by a short head, with Devonian taking third position.

### Record Broken

The Hong Kong Autumn Championships for China ponies was really a nice race to watch, but spectators were hardly prepared for Confusion Bay's magnificent display, aided by Mr. Sung's fine judgment.

The race started with Eve of Harvest (Mr. Davis) forcing the pace, followed by Craigavad (Mr. Botelho), Burford (Mr. Black), Confusion Bay (Mr. Sung) and O'Land (Mr. Needa). This order was maintained until passing the six furlongs post, when Mr. Sung sent Confusion Bay forward to second position. After passing the half-mile post, Mr. Davis urged Eve of Harvest on to increase the lead, but evidently as a result of its initial effort this pony could not provide the fast last quarter run of which it was capable. It certainly cracked up bad y once it was passed by Confusion Bay 100 yards from the end. At this stage Burford was coming through strongly to challenge Confusion Bay, with O'Land also in the picture. Amidst great excitement, Confusion Bay just managed to get its head in front to snatch a grand victory, with Burford second and O'Land third. Confusion Bay not only won the Championship, but it also shattered Burford's record by 2/5" and was also responsible for the payment of the biggest win dividend of the day, \$47.20.

### Favourite Wins

The fifth race, the Laggards Handicap for "C" class Australian ponies, which was also the first leg of the "Daily Double", resulted in the second win for Mr. Black when he brought in Warrego River, the favourite. Winnie (Mr. Chao) took the lead with Annabella (Mr. Hoo Pak-ming) and Cockleroi (Mr. Ip Kui-ying) just behind. Mr. Black was satisfied to keep Warrego River in the rear, and it was not until the two-mile post was reached that he sent his mount forward to take the lead, which it maintained right up to the end with Eredon (Mr. Chattey) second and Cockleroi claiming the other position.

### Sapper Extended

The last of the big events, the Queensland Autumn Championship, attracted only three starters. The race started with Sapper (Mr. Davis) settling the pace, with Viceroy (Mr. Black) and Baffin Bay (Mr. Needa) following behind. On passing the distance post for the second time Sapper was still leading, but Mr. Davis was experiencing trouble as both Viceroy and Baffin Bay were coming up strongly from behind and he had to exert himself on Sapper to stave off their challenge, just managing to do so by a length from Baffin Bay, which had the better of Viceroy by a short head.

### Mr. Black's Third Win

The seventh race, the Lingerers' Handicap for "D" Class Australian Subscription ponies, was the second leg of the "Daily Double" and resulted in another favourite justifying the confidence placed in it. Quick Despatch enabled Mr. Black to score his third win of the afternoon. Colorado Star (Mr. Davis) was the first to get away with Sea Urchin (Mr. Craven) and Surprise Again (Mr. Chao) in close attendance. This position was maintained until after passing the six furlongs post, when Sea Urchin took the lead, followed by Surprise Again, Roofly (Mr. Needa) and Quick Despatch further down. On rounding the Village bend Mr. Needa sent Roofly forward to come alongside Sea Urchin, with Surprise Again and Rising Star (Mr. Tao), also together, behind, then came Quick Despatch. In the home stretch Roofly asserted itself and gra-

## COOMBES SCORES 110 NOT OUT

High scoring featured the friendly cricket match at Sookun-poo yesterday between Royal Army Medical Corps and 5th A.A. Royal Artillery, when the former won by 8 wickets.

Taking first lease of the wicket Artillery scored 183 for 7 declared. Dobbinson was top scorer with 64 which included nine boundaries. Webb and Coombes opened the innings for Medicals and the pair added 36 runs before Webb was bowled by Dobbinson. Coombes played a dashing innings scoring 110 not out in 40 minutes including 22 boundaries. Together with Swyer he added 122 before the second wicket fell.

When Coombes was 96 he was hit on the head by a fast ball but was able to carry on.

| 5TH A.A. R.A.               |    |  |  |  |
|-----------------------------|----|--|--|--|
| Ingram, c Harvey, b Bright  | 41 |  |  |  |
| Plummer, c Bright, b Harvey | 18 |  |  |  |
| Clague, l.b.w., b Harvey    | 4  |  |  |  |
| Dobbinson, b Wyre           | 64 |  |  |  |
| Martin, b Coombes           | 4  |  |  |  |
| Swyer, not out              | 34 |  |  |  |
| Sidder, b Webb              | 1  |  |  |  |
| Extras (B15, LB1, W1)       | 17 |  |  |  |

Total (for 7 wks. dec.) 183  
Morgan, McCadden, Braddock and Baker did not bat.

| Bowling Analysis |     |   |    |   |
|------------------|-----|---|----|---|
|                  | O   | M | R  | W |
| Harvey           | 4   | 0 | 22 | 2 |
| Wyre             | 7   | 1 | 44 | 1 |
| Coombes          | 7   | 0 | 46 | 1 |
| Bright           | 5   | 0 | 46 | 1 |
| Webb             | 3.3 | 0 | 25 | 1 |

| R.A.M.C.              |     |  |  |  |
|-----------------------|-----|--|--|--|
| Webb, b Dobbinson     | 19  |  |  |  |
| Coombes, not out      | 110 |  |  |  |
| Swyer, b Martin       | 24  |  |  |  |
| Harvey, not out       | 5   |  |  |  |
| Extras (B28, LB2, W1) | 29  |  |  |  |

Total (for 2 wks.) 187  
Smith, Mussion, Bright, Wyre, Sherbous, Dunne and Parkin did not bat.

| Bowling Analysis |   |   |    |   |
|------------------|---|---|----|---|
|                  | O | M | R  | W |
| Plummer          | 5 | 0 | 47 | 0 |
| Dobbinson        | 6 | 0 | 46 | 1 |
| Barshy           | 5 | 1 | 45 | 0 |
| Martin           | 5 | 0 | 49 | 1 |

## C.C.C. CRICKET TEAMS

Following will represent Craigengower First and Second teams against Indian R.C. on Saturday First Team (at Home):—E. Zimmern (Capt.), G. Souza, A. K. Ismail, B. I. Billmorla, A. J. Hulse, B. R. Iracee, A. B. Hamson, E. A. Lee, W. Hong Shing, J. L. Youngsaye and M. C. Hung.

Reserve:—E. H. Esmail.  
Second Team (at Sookunpoo):—A. M. Omar (Capt.), A. Hung, J. W. Leonard, W. K. Wav, S. Leonard, N. Broadbridge, T. Lock, O. M. Omar, U. H. Esmail, E. Mitchell and C. W. Lam.  
Reserves:—T. Edgar and L. Choa.

dualy moved away from the others, and it appeared as if it was going to win, but Quick Despatch, with determined riding on the part of Mr. Black, was coming up yard by yard to catch Roofly, which it ultimately passed 10 yards from the post. Although Mr. Needa tried his best on Roofly he had to admit defeat by a length, with Surprise Again third another half length away. For its win Quick Despatch gave its 671 "Double" backers \$22.20 each.

### Jack O'Lantern Upset

The last race of the day and the year, the Finale Handicap for "D" class China ponies provided punters with a real shock. Despite the fact that Sunlight View (Mr. Wei) was carrying 168 lb. and the distance was one mile, it was made firm favourite, but it ran unplaced. On the rise of the barrier Sunlight View went to the front, followed by Piet Hein (Mr. P. P. Botelho) and Jack O'Lantern (Mr. Black), the ultimate winner. Sunlight View still led after passing the Rock, but Jack O'Lantern moved up to second position with in striking distance of the leader, followed by Piet Hein and Salvago Master (Mr. Tao). On rounding the bend for home Jack O'Lantern overhauled Sunlight View and went on to win by a length, despite a strong challenge from Salvago Master, the second pony, all the way down the straight. Piet Hein was third, another length behind, Jack O'Lantern paid out \$40.00 for its win and gave Mr. Black his fourth winning mount of the day.

## TRIPLE PLAY BY ISMAIL FOR INDIANS

By "Grandstand"

Receio Aces noted out the Cyclones by the only run scored in the tussle, which was featured by sparkling fielding on both sides, giving the cash customers full value for their admission.

Held scoreless for the entire seven frames the Cyclones only garnered three safeties, but boot-ed four times, which the Recs. took advantage of.

Rambling Aces broke into the scoring in the fifth when a wild heave by third-sacker "Ikey" Haroon gave Lino Gosano a life, who carried home the ball on "Doctor" Gosano's timely single to centre. The Cyclones put up the biggest threat in the sixth, when they had the sacks soused on a walk, a perfect dump, and a tumble by Johnnie Alvares, after which Recs. went into session and relieved Alvares by clutch pitcher Gerry Gosano, who got the team out of the hole.

### Bone-Head Play

Bone-head play on the part of the Cyclones also contributed to Aces' triumph. With a set-up marked squeeze play all over it, Skelly Razack and clean-up hitter K. M. Rumlahn fled out to the infield with no gain on the bases. Junior Markar grounded out to end the threat, which might have reversed the decision.

With the seventh inning coming up, Cyclones were unable to make good the one run deficit, as Haroon and Silva-Netto grounded out. Bakar reached first on a single, but Markar, Sr., hoisted one which was easily hauled down. "Kelly" Silva-Netto in his initial appearance in the senior loop did fairly well up on the mound, limiting the Recs. to only four scattered hits, walking two, but did not fan any.

Johnnie Alvares, first-string on the Aces pitching staff conceded two blows, and walked two, but showed signs of weakening in the fifth, when the Cyclones caught on to his pace. Relief Gerry Gosano, issued one pass only, and was fanned for a single.

### Amper Badly Hit

St. Joseph's nine massacred Filipinos to the tune of 25-7, almost hitting hurler Tatong Amper at will. Saints collected eighteen safeties whilst the Islanders only connected for four, of which key-stoner Bautista accounted for two in his three trips to the plate.

"Bambino" Dave Leonard had a good day, with two four-baggers, the last time with two aboard, besides which he smacked a double, bringing in another two Collegians. Doubles were also registered by Stan Leonard, Powawski "Jindoo" Hussain, and Henry "Shoe-string" Ali.

Filipinos started with a brace of three markers and piled up two more in the next frame, but were unable to keep the pace. Two double killings were dished up to the Filipinos, the first when Bob Laurel clamped his hands on Gonzales' foul fly, and caught Jindoo Hussain flat-footed between third and home, and when Harry Campos hauled down Hussain's fly to nail Stan Leonard at third.

### Indians Win Easily

Indians downed the Canadians in the night-cap by 12-3, in a one-sided game. Herbie Quon toed the rubber for the Canucks and whiffed eight Indians. At times he was inclined to go wild, passing no less than six Indians to first on balls. The Indian hurler "Kassa" Nazarin fanned two only. A. B. Hassan was most prominent with the hickory, connecting safely three times in his four times up, including a pair of four-masters, and a double, whilst Herbie Quon homered for the Canucks.

Regular Indian catcher Tarzan Ismail, filling the short stop gap, started a triple-killing, by pulling down Johnnie Delgado's fly, targeting Y. Chan off second, and pegging to the home plate to nab "Herbie" stealing home.

### TO-DAY'S RUGBY

Following is the Club "A" team to meet Navy "A" to-day on the Club ground at 5 p.m.: Thompson; Needham, D. Hynes, T. A. Pearce, Bosanquet; Charter and Clemo; Walkden, Dunnet, Castleton; Benn, Olesen; Dalziel, B. Hynes and Redman.  
Referee—E. Matthews.



# WAHOOS SCORE CLOSE WIN OVER WILDCATS

## J. Anderson And Gloria Mar Hit Homers

### Therese Noronha Pitches Well

By "Grandstand"

IN SPITE OF the fact that the odds were against them, the Wahoos humbled Wildcats by shading them 17-16 in a game featured by a last inning rally which netted them five markers. The Wahoos drew first blood by denting the counting station eight times in the initial frame, but the Untamed Felines replied with a cluster of nine runs in the second to take the lead.

All the runs were chalked up after two outs, when Socorro Castro's expensive bungle of Thelma Motta's slow roller, started Wildcats on a merry-go-round. In the third frame both sides played shut-out ball, with fielding masterpieces.

With the top end of the batting order coming up in the fourth, Wahoos squeezed another marker the fifth. Wildcats had a chance to break the tie when hurler Thelma Collaco doubled, but was run down when she attempted to advance on Cynthia "Sailor" da Motta's grounder. Thelma Motta and pinch-hitter Dolly Brown were erased next in order.

In the sixth Irene Castilho drew a pass, and romped home with the tie-breaker on Jackie Anderson's homer. Therese Noronha doubled and added another marker as pitcher Thelma Collaco heaved a wild one to first. In the Wildcat's turn at bat the leadership changed hands again, with the Wildcats rugging up four counters on only one safe blow, helped by four Wahoo bingles. In the last stanza, the Green Shirts Owls shellacked Wildcat hurler Thelma Collaco for five runs, on three hits and three errors. Three Wildcat tallies counted in the last inning with only one out for the Wildcats, for them to trail only one behind.

Irene "Slugger" Pereira walked but was forced out by Thelma Collaco's grounder to short-stop. Irene Castilho, Cynthia Motta fled out to end the game. "Big Chief Wahoo" Therese Noronha hurling her first game this season did very well and limited the Wildcats to 10 safeties, whilst her mates collected nine off Thelma Collaco, Wildcat "ace-pitcher."

Both of them struck out one. With the exception of second-sacker Socorro Castro, the Wahoo infield showed perfect co-operation.

Circuit clouts were made by hind-satcher Jackie Anderson of the Wahoos, whilst Gloria Mar of the Untamed Felines replied with pair of round-trippers, batting in two ahead of her in the first frame.

Therese Noronha batted safely three times out of five, including a pair of doubles, whilst Jackie Anderson, Mary Mar, Irene "Slugger" Pereira, and Thelma Collaco were also good for two a-piece.

#### Extra Inning Played

In the first extra inning game of the season, the Cardinals nosed out the Rerele Ramblerettes by 22-21 after nine innings of play. Efigina Bibida went the route for the Cards, but only fanned one and walked one, whilst Jerry Jorge on the rubber for the Ramblerettes, fanned two, and issued free transportation to first to three Redbirds. Marie Roza catching for the Cards was relieved in the fifth by Marina Wilson, the former allowing one passed ball, whilst the latter was guilty of three.

Ramblerettes took off a good start of four runs in the first and five in the third, whilst the Redbirds could only reply with a total of five. In the fourth inning the Cards blitzkrieged the Recs for seven tallies, on three bingles assisted by five miscues.

Another splurge of four runs in the sixth gave the Redbirds the leadership, and the game would have ended in the seventh, had "Naty" Paladonia not booted "Ding" Lopez fly to left to give her a life, with one away. Ding Lopez romped home for the equaliser on "Cinny" Remedios slashing triple to left. Olga Silva and Maria Carmona fled out in order. In the last overtopping inning, both sides were blanked, although both sides connected for

a single each. In the ninth Recs tallied one more on "Cinny" Re-

## TO-DAY'S BADMINTON

Following is to-day's "B" Division Badminton League programme and some of the teams:

|            |    |                |
|------------|----|----------------|
| J. R. C.   | v. | King's College |
| V. R. C.   | v. | Chung Wah      |
| St. John's | v. | Police         |
| K. C. C.   | v. | Kowloon Tong   |

medios' dump along first base, and scored on third-sacker Gladys "Grandma" Hutchinson's wild heave to first.

On the Reds turn with the stick, Babida slashed out a triple, and scored on a wild heave. "Naty" Paladonia singled over short and scored Betty Fitzgerald for the winning run.

King's College:—S. P. Chan and K. J. Attwell; W. C. Chung and K. L. Luf; K. H. Lo and T. Lam.

J.R.C.:—M. Talam and A. R. Pollak; B. Godkin and J. Odell; Dr. F. Ramler and L. Landolt.

V.R.C.:—O. el Arculit and S. A. Rum-jahn; D. M. Xavier and A. A. Remedios; A. Busto and M. M. de V. Soares.

Chung Wah:—C. F. Chiu and P. C. Leung; S. C. Liang and K. F. Chiu; W. H. Choy and S. F. Lee.

Police:—W. Gillies and L. Gordon; A. R. S. Major and C. Y. Siu; J. MacDonald and H. Dingsdale.

Kowloon Tong:—John Chen and F. H. Kwok; Peter Lo and Joe Tsang; S. T. Chan and S. C. Chan.

K.C.C.:—A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth; J. L. Anderson and D. Hazell; H. S. Jones and A. E. P. Guest.



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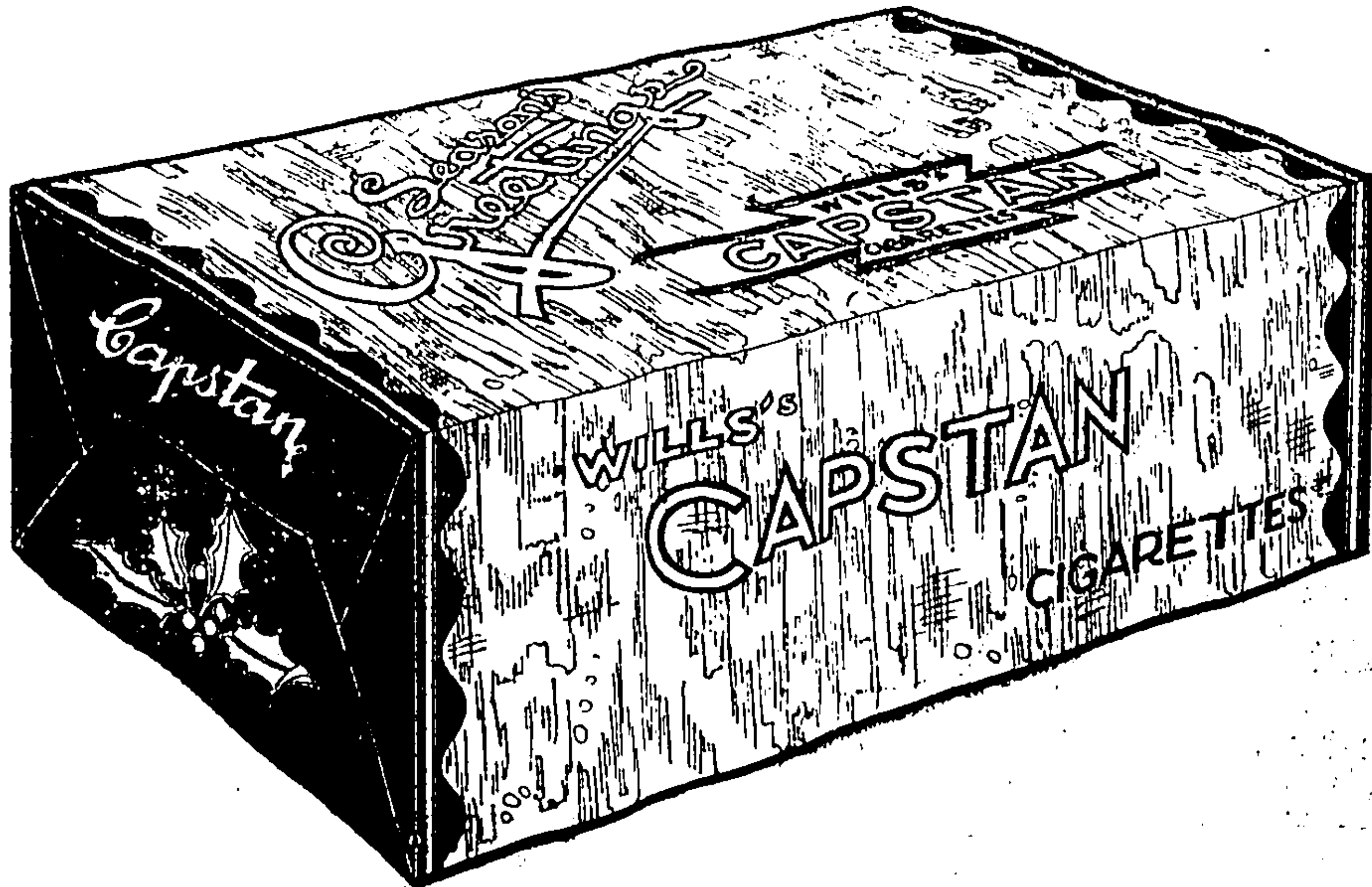
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# THREAT OF GERMAN INVASION

## Hitler Making Preparations For Early Onslaught May Come Before Spring, Warns Lord Beaverbrook

HITLER IS MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR THE INVASION OF BRITAIN EVEN BEFORE THE SPRING COMES — AN INVASION BY LAND AND SEA BUT PRINCIPALLY BY AIR—DECLARED LORD BEAVERBROOK, MINISTER OF AIRCRAFT PRODUCTION, IN A BROADCAST FROM LONDON LAST NIGHT.

### 4,000 KILLED IN NOVEMBER MASS RAIDS

A total of 4,588 civilians, men, women and children, were killed during German air raids on Britain during November, while 6,202 were injured and detained in hospital, the Ministry of Home Security announced yesterday.

These figures include 493 children under 16 years of age killed and 458 injured.—Reuter.

The British were stronger on every front and could supply all 'planes for all pilots in the battle line but wanted more bombers above all.

In the past four months the output of aircraft was double that of last year. Fine types of American 'planes were coming in an increasing flow — some of their fighters were equal to Britain's best.

Hitler was conspiring to dominate Europe and sat on a three-legged stool of, firstly, air superiority, secondly, mechanised forces, and, thirdly, Fifth Column methods of panic and fear.

Britain had a sure defence in control of the seas and had knocked away the first leg of Hitler's stool.

We had seized control of the air by day with fighter squadrons of Hurricanes, Spitfires, Defiants and Whirlwinds.

### Immense Hitler Effort

The German newspapers daily disclosed signs of the immense attempt Hitler is making to bring out a huge air force in the Spring — sure and certain signs of feverish development of production.

"We shall meet and overcome the danger by industry, enterprise, endurance and fortitude. It will be a hard struggle but the builders of aircraft have had difficult tasks before.

"All the machines we lost during the four months in which the battle has raged over Britain have been fully paid for by public contributions.

### The Contest

"It is now a contest between the industrial forces of Britain and the resources and strength of the combined nations of Europe, conqueror and conquered.

"Against them are the British workers, dogged and willing, and certain that we shall destroy the enemy by our labours."

(The Whirlwind mentioned by Lord Beaverbrook is one of the latest type of British fighters which is still on the secret list). —Reuter.

### AMERICAN EAGLE CLUB

A club for Americans serving with the British forces was opened in London yesterday afternoon. It will be known as the "American Eagle Club."

General W. H. Hays, an American, who spoke at the opening, said that Americans in Britain were in the forefront of the greatest crisis the world had ever faced.

They had seen the British people display indomitable courage.

The chairman of the club said that the large number of Americans serving with the British forces represented a very fine example of men — that of men who risked their lives not only for their own country but also for that of their friend. — Reuter.

### SUCCESS OF GREEK TACTICS

Richard Dimpleby, the BBC observer in Greece, has just completed an extensive tour of the front and reports that the secret of the Greek success is due to two main factors:—

Firstly, they give the Italians no rest; and

Secondly, if they do meet with any strong resistance, the Greeks split up into small bodies which converge on the Italians from different points, throwing them into a panic. — Reuter.

### STOP PRESS

It was revealed in New Delhi yesterday that Britain is to send Italian prisoners taken in the Western Desert operations to India.

An announcement says that internment camps are being prepared in India for the reception of at least 20,000 Italians from the Western Desert.

The Italian prisoners, it was added, are expected to be taken to India soon. — Reuter.

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## PRESSURE ON BARDIA GRADUALLY INCREASING

FIGHTING IS NOW going on in the Bardia area, where our pressure is increasing steadily as new troops arrive on the scene, said a Cairo communique issued yesterday evening.

The communique said that in addition to Sollum and Fort Capuzzo, several other important Italian posts had been taken.

On Monday night, Australian troops successfully engaged an enemy column by moonlight, capturing transport and guns.

In Northern Kenya, the end of the rainy season has enabled us to resume offensive patrolling on a considerable scale.

In the Sudan, the position is unchanged, the communique concluded.

In London, it is emphasised that the British forces are now over 100 miles from their railhead and this must be borne in mind when considering future operations.

It is believed in London military circles that the original idea behind sending troops into Libya on the Italian side of Sollum was to see that the Italian garrison at Bardia did not interfere with the action which led to the capture of Sollum and Fort Capuzzo.

The character of the operations now seems to have changed, as yesterday evening's communique

mentions reinforcements arriving there and an increase in pressure. — Reuter.

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## INFANTRY MOVING UP FOR THE BIG PUSH

### Hitler Planning Mid-February Invasion

Mr. Alfred Landon, Republican candidate for the Presidency in 1936, declared on returning to Topeka, Kansas, yesterday from a visit to Washington that he had been advised "by reliable official sources that Hitler is planning to invade Britain about the middle of February."

Mr. Landon said he found a "definitely disturbed feeling" in Administration circles over the failure to co-ordinate American defence activities. — Reuter.

### Final Stages Of Assault On Sollum

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent in the Western Desert, Now in Sollum).

**BRITISH INFANTRY WERE YESTERDAY PREPARING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BIG PUSH ACROSS THE FRONTIER INTO LYBIA — THEY WERE WEARY BUT TRIUMPHANT WHEN THEY OCCUPIED SOLLUM ON MONDAY AFTER DAYS OF CHASING THE ITALIANS RIGHT OUT OF EGYPTIAN TERRITORY.**

Sollum is only a tiny port, surrounded by a few white houses. Above the port is Upper Sollum, main feature of which is a large barracks belonging to the Egyptian army but long ago blown to pieces by British bombardments while the Italians were in occupation.

With a little group of British correspondents and one American, I have spent the last few days watching the final stages of our assault on Sollum, the tactics for which were just as well thought out as those at other points in the present campaign.

Sollum was first imperilled a week ago when the British armoured division, after dealing with a whole series of other objectives, came smashing through Bug Bug from Sidi Barrani so quickly that the whole Catanzaro Division, under General Giuseppe Amico, which had been happily en route to Sidi Barrani on normal relief duty, believing the war was miles away, was taken completely by surprise.

completed on Monday at Bug Bug, where over 12,000 have already been fed and watered before passing on. — Reuter.

(Continued from next Column.) States might take over future British orders for armaments in the United States and then lease or mortgage them to Britain on their completion.

After the war Britain would return the supplies if they were in good condition or replace them.

The President gave an emphatic negative to a question whether the plan would be "more likely to involve the United States in the war." — Reuter.

### ROOSEVELT PLAN OF AID TO BRITAIN

A plan to lease or mortgage war material to Britain was outlined by President Roosevelt at his press conference yesterday.

The President declared the plan would aid Britain and at the same time strengthen United States defence.

He expected to submit the plan or a similar one to the new Congress on January 3.

Under the plan the United States would supply the United Kingdom with war material.

(Continued at foot of preceding Col.)

### GRIM BATTLE FOR BARDIA

Very severe fighting is raging round the Libyan port of Bardia, according to latest reports received in Cairo last night.

After battering their way across the desert British advance mechanised units are carrying out a formidable attack on the perimeter defences of the port.

Advanced forces of British Infantry are following up the mechanised units, while lorry loads of stores and ammunition bring up the rear.

"Rush" tactics were employed in the British attack on three frontier forts whose capture was announced in yesterday's British communiqué.

The three forts in question are all on the Libyan side of the frontier.

#### Unflinching Speed

British advanced mechanised units are continuing to advance towards Bardia with unflinching speed.

Behind them and trying to keep up with them is a continuous stream of infantry, many riding in captured lorries and trucks.

Free French forces, which are right in the front line, are giving valuable support to the British troops. They showed great courage and dash in the first onslaught against Sollum. Although the French army tactics are very different from the

### DEATH FOR WOMAN TRAITOR

A woman was sentenced to death for treachery yesterday at Winchester—the first such sentence to be announced as passed on a woman since the outbreak of war.

She is Dorothy Pamela O'Grady, 42 years old.

Charges on which she was found guilty were that in the Isle of Wight she made a plan likely to assist the military operations of the enemy, and that with the object of helping the enemy she cut a military telephone wire.

The case was heard in camera and the court was open to the public only on the pronouncement of sentence.

O'Grady, a short, dark, bespectacled woman, showed no emotion when the judge passed sentence. — Reuter.

### BRITAIN'S HOSPITALS CARRY ON

HIS MAJESTY THE KING YESTERDAY EXPRESSED HIS ADMIRATION FOR THE WAY IN WHICH HOSPITALS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY ARE CARRYING ON DURING THE AIR-RAIDS.

This message was read at the annual meeting of the King Edward Hospital Fund by the Duke of Kent, who said that the grants made by the Fund constituted a record.

The total amount distributed came to more than £10,000,000. — Reuter.

British, months of hard training have produced a splendid fighting unit. The French are working in excellently with their British comrades. — Reuter.

#### Division Taken Prisoner

Majority of its men were taken prisoner and nearly all its material was left strewn along the sides of the road.

These British tanks swept up on Sollum while others were coming up across the escarpment from the interior.

A hail of fire was poured into the defenders of Sollum by the British tanks, while the R.A.F. continued their incessant bombings.

A slight check to the British forces occurred when some of the tanks became bogged in salt fields outside Sollum but this did not seriously hamper our offensive operations.

The British tanks dashed on to occupy coastal territory beyond Bardia, 30 miles or more inside Libya.

#### Sollum Contained

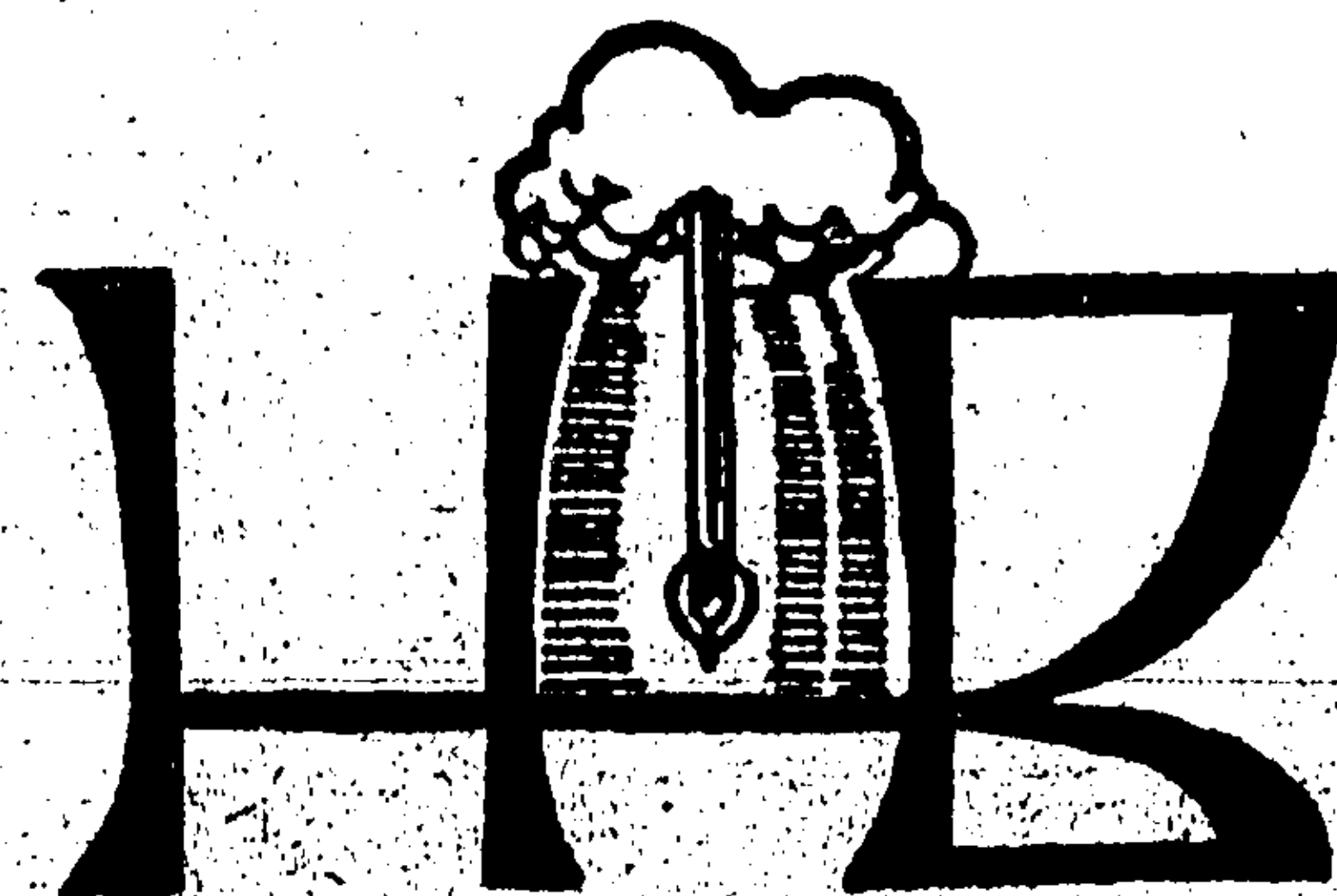
While they did so, an infantry brigade moved up with instructions not to attack Sollum directly but to contain it, letting nobody escape.

By Sunday, the defenders of Sollum, alarmed at their precarious position, had moved up to the top of the escarpment, blowing up the road leading from Lower to Upper Sollum.

The British infantry pressed in on Sollum despite fire from the escarpment and occupied Lower Sollum without heavy casualties by Monday morning, and by the same afternoon the Italians on the escarpment had given up.

All arrangements to receive the fresh prisoners from Sollum were

HAVE AN H. B.—



—AND THEN TRY!



# Italian Troops March Down "Victory Avenue" In Egypt

## R.A.F. KEEPS IT UP

All enemy aerodromes between Tobruk and Bardia in the Western Desert were heavily raided by R.A.F. bombers on Monday, states a communique from the Royal Air Force's Middle-East Headquarters.

Fighter planes maintained constant offensive patrols throughout the day.

Bardia suffered a further intensive raid on Monday night in excellent weather.

Altogether more than 12 tons of bombs fell on barracks, military buildings and railways. One particularly fierce blaze as well as other fires was started.

Tobruk, Bomba, Benna, El Adem, and El Gubbi were attacked and heavily damaged. During an offensive patrol R.A.F. fighters shot down eight Italian aircraft and possibly a further two.

Another Italian aircraft was destroyed while landing and a further general purposes plane was shot down.

### 15 'Planes Captured

These enemy losses are additional to 15 Italian aircraft captured near Sollum. There were no British losses during these Western Desert operations.

In Southern Albania, Durazzo was heavily raided despite bad weather. Heavy explosions were caused in the dock areas. Again British aircraft returned safely.

Gura and Asmara in Italian East Africa were raided during Sunday night. At the former place a large fire was started. Enemy fighters damaged an R.A.F. bomber which, however, managed to return to British territory. At Asmara, a factory and a transport park were bombed. Enemy bombers raided Port Sudan four times but no damage was caused either to R.A.F. property or personnel.—Reuter.

## DAYLIGHT RAIDS ON INVASION PORTS

HEAVY EXPLOSIONS ON THE FRENCH COAST WERE HEARD IN BRITAIN NEAR THE STRAITS OF DOVER YESTERDAY.

Apparently the R.A.F. was making another daylight raid on German-occupied ports.—Reuter.

## Under Guard Of Cockney Privates!

(From Reuter's Special Correspondent Outside Sollum)

**I HAVE JUST WATCHED 8,000 Italian soldiers, officers, non-commissioned officers and men, marching down "Victory Avenue" through Egypt.**

But they marched as prisoners, every two or three hundred of them being guarded by a single cheerful Cockney private, and the Victory Avenue down which they marched was the road between Sollum and Sidi Barrani, which Marshal Graziani has been building for several months past.

The road, which will now be a nice present for the Egyptians, would have cost at least £60,000 to build.

A fantastic sight met our eyes as our car came over rising ground near Bug Bug.

We saw the entire valley shrouded with clouds of dust through which the evening sun glowed, while from the dust emerged a seemingly endless stream of dark-green uniformed figures, with khaki-clad British soldiers marching smartly at their side.

The Italians were chatting, laughing and smoking, apparently completely heedless of the fact that the whole illusion created by Fascist propaganda had been swept aside in a single week.

The "Victory Way" to Sidi Barrani, a typical straight Roman road, whose rapid construction was a considerable engineering feat, bears many signs of this propaganda.

### Mussolini Stones

All along the road are stones erected in honour of Mussolini, and at the Barrani end is a memorial, put up even before the road was finished, recording that "The 12th Artillery Company, in the face of the malice of the enemy, the burning sun and biting wind, made this road to link together the sands of Egypt and Libya."

Though not yet asphalted the road forms a useful line of communication for the British forces advancing into Libya. There is hardly anything at Bug Bug itself—just a solitary house and a series of Italian water tanks, now guarded by British sentries distributing water to prisoners as they stream through.

### More Prisoners

Several more thousand prisoners had been gathered round the water tanks last night. An infantry major was in charge of arrangements for feeding them.

While we were talking to him an Italian officer came up, saluted and asked for transport

for a medical officer to take seven wounded men to hospital.

The major fixed him up with a lorry which the Italian doctor was allowed to drive himself.

Meanwhile the crashing of bombs and the roar of anti-aircraft guns had been making Bardia look like Hamm when the R.A.F. are having a busy night.

### Firework Display

From a height on the coast east of Sollum I watched the hottest firework display of flaming onions, A.A. fire and bombs I have seen in this part of the world.

It was all part of the R.A.F.'s encouragement to the Italians at Bardia to capitulate rapidly.

Only reply by the Italians was to send a small number of lone bombers to harass the British troops.—Reuter.

## HELD CANDLE OUT OF WINDOW DURING RAID

Said to have held a lighted candle out of a window during a raid and to have shouted "There they are," Leonard Frederick Ecclestone, forty-seven, cashier, of De Laune Street, Walworth, S.E., was at Lambeth gaol for two months.

Ecclestone, who was also fined £2 for obstructing a police officer and 10s. for obscene language, said he had had a drink and did not remember the offences.

A Surrey farmer, Francis Reginald Hawkins, of Whitley Farm, Normandy, fined £20 with 8s. costs at Woking, was said to have lit straw and other materials under 250 yards of hedges, shrubs and trees while cleaning a field. The fire was not got under control until midnight. Meanwhile, there was an air raid warning.

## AMERICAN EAGLE CLUB

A club for Americans serving with the British forces was opened in London yesterday afternoon. It will be known as the "American Eagle Club."

General W. H. Hays, an American, who spoke at the opening, said that Americans in Britain were in the forefront of the greatest crisis the world had ever faced.

They had seen the British people display indomitable courage.

The chairman of the club said that the large number of Americans serving with the British forces represented a very fine example of men—that of men who risked their lives not only for their own country but also for that of their friend.—Reuter.

## DUKE OF WINDSOR ON AMBASSADORSHIP

The Duke of Windsor told a press conference at Miami, Florida, yesterday that he had not asked for the appointment as successor to Lord Lothian, the late British Ambassador to Washington.

"I would certainly accept it if I thought it to be to the best interests of the two countries," he added.

The Duke and Duchess of Windsor left for Nassau at 10 o'clock last night in the yacht "Southern Cross."—Reuter.

# TREMENDOUS IMPETUS OF BRITISH ADVANCE

**THE BRITISH advance continues and with tremendous impetus British troops have penetrated the Libyan frontier driving the enemy from Egyptian soil.**

The almost incredible speed of the advance may have given the impression that the Italians are not resisting. This is not true.

The divisions captured in all stages were taken owing to the superb leadership of the Imperial Command.

The enemy had no time and no chance to offer resistance, but reliable reports from wounded who have been fighting near the Egyptian frontier go to show that the Italians who had ample time to prepare defences have been fighting with the greatest bravery.

The capture of "Hell-fire Pass," one of the key-points of Italian resistance, against fierce enemy fire was an operation

which largely contributed to the latest British successes.

### Withering Fire

Here the enemy, in cunningly prepared machine-gun posts in the side of the escarpment, held a tactical advantage. They poured a withering fire into our advance units.

At the same time our mechanised forces roared on, battering down the wire fence marking the frontier and forging ahead. After some very grim fighting they silenced the guns of Fort Capuzzo.

Much of the credit for the success of the offensive must go to our advanced mechanised units, composed of a famous cavalry regiment, which have been operating unceasingly day and night in the Western Desert for the last five years and know every inch of the ground.

Significant point, in the opinion of high military experts at G.H.Q., is the capture of a number of enemy aircraft on the ground.

This is held to denote: Firstly, the shortage of aeroplane fuel;

### Significant Capture

Secondly, the formidable swiftness of the attack by advance units.

Thirdly, the terrible weather turning aerodromes into mud and making taking off difficult and even impossible.—Reuter.



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# SPEED-UP OF U.S. WAR PRODUCTION DEMANDED

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## Newspapers Reflect Concern

**THE URGENT NEED OF SPEEDING UP AMERICAN WAR PRODUCTION AND GRANTING BRITAIN INCREASING AND MORE RAPID AID HAVE BECOME PARAMOUNT QUESTIONS IN WASHINGTON.**

President Roosevelt, back at the White House after returning from his West Indies tour, was greeted by newspaper headlines reflecting the grave concern over the position and stressing the "terrible urgency of the situation."

Latest development yesterday was a reported statement by Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of Treasury, to the House of Representatives appropriations committee to the effect that Sir Frederick Phillips had told him England could make no more commitments for the purchase of war materials in the United States unless financial aid was extended.

Mr. Morgenthau is said to have repeated the statement which he has already made on other occasions, that he believed the United States would not extend loans or credits unless Congress modified or repealed the Johnson Act.

He left his hearers with the impression that such a decision was entirely up to Congress.

### Factual Analysis

Mr. Morgenthau is reported to have made a factual analysis of Britain's needs without, however, making any recommendations.

Concurrently came a report that Mr. Cordell Hull told members of the United States Defence Commission and other Government officials that Britain would probably face a serious crisis in the Spring unless the present delivery schedules of United States war supplies were considerably increased.

He is understood to have urged all speed possible in producing planes and other supplies. At the same time, it is learned that the shipping situation is being examined to determine whether additional merchantmen might be available for sending supplies to Britain.

### Call To Action

The "Washington Post," in a double-column leader under the heading "Call to action," declares all the President's vast reserves of vitality will be drawn upon to cope with problems of national defence.

Turning to the question of financial aid the newspaper suggests that apart from repealing the Johnson Act there are many ways of assisting, including paying more than market value for raw materials from the Empire, buying consumer interest in the sources of those materials and buying an equity interest in British oil and other holdings in the Western Hemisphere.—Reuter.

## ITALIAN PRISONERS FOR INDIA

It was revealed in New Delhi yesterday that Britain is to send Italian prisoners taken in the Western Desert operations to India.

An announcement says that internment camps are being prepared in India for the reception of at least 20,000 Italians from the Western Desert.

The Italian prisoners, it was added, are expected to be taken to India soon.—Reuter.

## BRITISH PLANES BLAMED FOR BASLE BOMBING

British planes are mentioned as being responsible for the bombing of Basle on Monday night in a statement issued by the semi-official Swiss agency yesterday.

According to latest information 16 bombs were dropped, mostly around the railway station at 11.05 p.m.—Reuter.

## REPLY TO RICE DEALERS ARGUE PEACE FEELERS

"The British Government could never accept any arrangement having the effect of perpetuating the German domination of Europe."

"The British Government is resolutely determined to do all in its power to deliver the nations now under the heel of Germany from that yoke and restore their former independence and prosperity."

So declared Lord Snell in the House of Lords yesterday, replying to a request by Lord Noel Buxton for a Government statement in regard to any suggestions purporting to be aimed at peace terms which had been made to Britain by the German Government since Italy's entry into the war.

Lord Snell recalled the statement by the late Lord Tryon on Nov. 20 that during recent years Germany had frequently suggested she would be happy to maintain good relations with Britain provided Germany was given a free hand in Europe. The British Government had never been prepared to discuss such an arrangement since it could only be at the expense of our former French ally and other free European countries which at present are Britain's allies. Lord Snell added that more serious suggestions to this effect from the Germans were naturally made prior to the outbreak of war.

"IF THE RICE RATES FIXED BY THE CONTROLLER OF FOOD WERE BELOW COST PRICE, WHY DID YOU NOT TAKE STEPS TO INFORM THE AUTHORITIES?" ASKED MR. NG CHAK-WA, VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG CHINESE GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AT AN EMERGENCY MEETING HELD LAST EVENING TO DISCUSS CONDITIONS IN THE RICE MARKET.

This question was asked following an explanation offered by a representative of the Chinese Rice Dealers' Association that the rise in the price of rice was due to the lack of shipments from abroad, and that the rates fixed by Government were in some cases a dollar below cost price, which, he said, explained why second grade rice had to be sold as first grade.

It was decided that representatives of rice dealers and importers seek an interview with the Controller of Food to-day to discuss the rice situation.

## POOR OLD JOE MISSES HIS OPPORTUNITY

(By Reuter's Chief Diplomatic Correspondent)

JOSEPH GOEBBELS, the Nazi Propaganda Minister, seems to have made up his mind that British victories do not exist except in their imagination — that the Italians are fighting magnificently — that Britain is spreading these claims to buttress her failing morale — and that the Italians are as united round the Duce as the Nazis round Hitler. All the rest is lies.

Goebbels has missed his opportunity. He certainly could have found much consolation in the thought that Allied victories in Africa were largely due to the fact that the British used German methods.

The strategy employed at Sidi Barrani, Sollum and Fort Capuzzo, and which now menaces Bardia, was the strategy that was so successful in Poland and on the Meuse.

But there is one great difference in General Wavell's lightning moves compared with those of the Germans — Britain holds the mastery of the seas.

There would have been no Dunkirk if the positions had been reversed. It would have been 100 per cent. victory and not a man would have escaped.

### Entire Force Captured

At Sidi Barrani, notwithstanding the proportionately small force of British engaged, everybody east of the hammer blow to the coast was captured.

The process was repeated with equal success without the element of surprise at Belhame.

Despite the long trail of 180 miles, sandstorms and lengthened communications, it will be surprising if General Wavell is not able to go on repeating the process because he has achieved complete ascendancy in the air, and with Sollum in his possession, the possibility of sea transport of supplies becomes practicable.

### Serious Concern

The Italians are reported to be throwing into Libya every avail-

able aircraft in order to restore the balance, but they will have difficulty in replenishing their fuel supplies.

The very vehemence of the Italian and German denials confirms the impression that there is serious concern in Rome and Berlin for the fate of all Italy's legions across the waves, whether in Libya, Ethiopia and Albania, or the Dodecanese.

### Political Effect

The political effect of the Italian defeat, which is by no means yet completed, has had and will have tremendous repercussions reverberating through Asia — from Japan, China and India and the Arab world — through Africa, and not only through Europe but in Germany itself.

It will influence future strategy which is as much political as military. It makes Hitler's problems far graver.

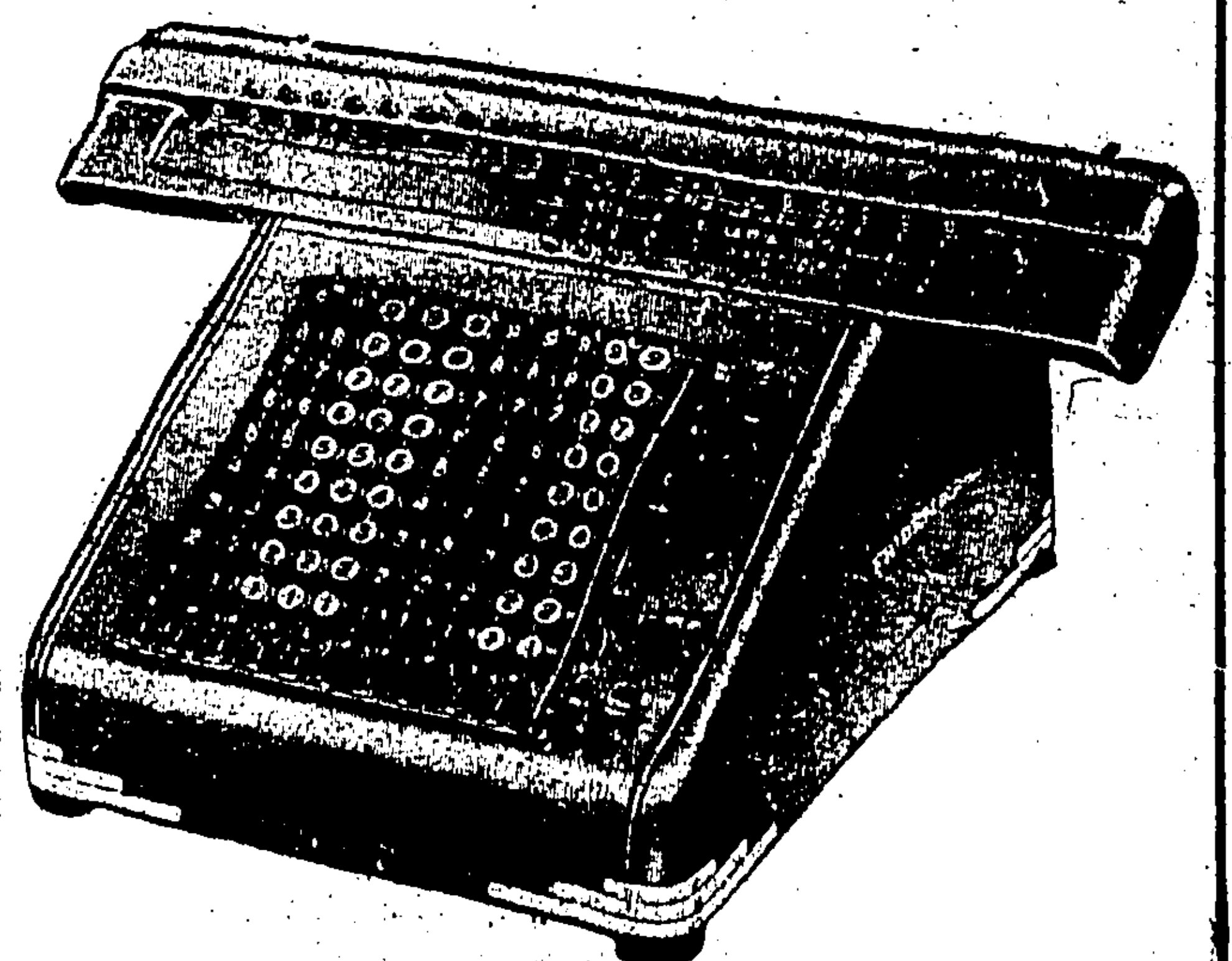
What can he do and what will he do? This must be left for future discussion.—Reuter.

### S.S.P. NOT D.S.P.

The style of the police post of Divisional Superintendent is to be changed to Senior Superintendent of Police by resolution to be submitted in Legislative Council tomorrow.

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# LAVAL'S DISMISSAL: VICHY HOPING FOR A SEPARATE PEACE

THOUGH INTERNAL policy is believed to be the chief cause of the dismissal of Pierre Laval, reports from Vichy, fail entirely to clarify the reasons.

It is probable, however, that Laval's efforts to make Marshal Petain a pliant tool for his pro-German policy encountered increasingly stubborn resistance which was fortified by the changed situation in the Mediterranean.

It is reported that Laval last week had far-reaching proposals for internal reform before the Vichy Cabinet, together with a new German peace offer, both of which were rejected.

Marshal Petain is reported to have summoned Pierre-Etienne Flandin after this. This latter is held to be anxious to adopt a more dignified policy than Laval, and it is thought he would never consent to placing French colonial bases at the disposal of Germany.

Nevertheless Britain's Mediterranean successes have revived hopes among the group of which Admiral Darlan is leader that a separate peace between France and Germany may be concluded.

## Grounds For Hope

Grounds for the hopes are that Italy has been so greatly weakened that Germany may now be able to persuade her to renounce most of her claims against France.

The rock on which the earlier Franco-German negotiations came to grief might thus be removed.

Owing to the complete failure of Laval's policy, Flandin is bound to move cautiously in the direction of such a policy.

## Nazis Not Satisfied

The fact that Otto Abetz, the Nazi Ambassador to France, has gone to Vichy, suggests that Germany is not entirely satisfied with Flandin's nomination and indeed it is rumoured that Germany may feel obliged to send troops to occupy Lyons.

Reports from Italy show increasing confusion and uneasiness concerning the war situation.

Example is the rumour current in Italy that Marshal Badoglio and other generals have been executed for treachery.—Reuter.

## 10s. FINE RETURNED IN TOLL CASE

"That's good news," said Home Guard Frank Morgan, of Penarth, South Wales, after the magistrates' clerk had phoned saying he had returned the 10s. which an anonymous friend paid to save Morgan from prison.

"Now what will they do?" he said. "I am waiting to see what the magistrates will decide at the weekly court to-day."

Two weeks ago Morgan elected to serve seven days imprisonment rather than pay 10s. fine for refusing to pay a shilling at a toll gate while on duty.

## ABETZ TALK WITH PETAIN

A NEW YORK MESSAGE SAYS THAT HERR ABETZ, THE NAZI AMBASSADOR TO PARIS, HAD A THREE-HOUR TALK WITH MARSHAL PETAIN IN VICHY YESTERDAY AND LATER LUNCHEONED WITH THE VICHY CABINET.

Reports from Vichy emphasize the important results expected in some quarters to follow the visit. It is thought that in his three-hour talk with Marshal Petain, Abetz sought to enlist Vichy's support against Britain, now that Italy is so serious a liability to Berlin.—Reuter.

## DAILY WAR BILL

BRITAIN'S DAILY WAR EXPENDITURE LAST WEEK WAS £11,400,000.

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## HUSBAND SHOT BY ACCIDENT

"I was messing about with a fire-arm, threatening to commit suicide, when it went off. I did not intend to harm him. I was so fond of him. What should I do without him?"

These were passages in a statement attributed at a Southend inquest to Mrs. Edith Harrison, Leigh Road, Canvey Island, Essex, whose husband, Harold Hugh Lionel Harrison, forty-eight, clerk to Canvey Urban Council, died from a gunshot wound in the stomach.

Harrison was going on duty as a Home Guard and had asked his wife to fetch his gun. In a dying statement, he said, "It was an accident."

A verdict of Death from misadventure was recorded.

## BABIES ATE HER EXTRA SUGAR

A mother of nine children, Mrs. Florence Towersey, of Cumberland Road, Ellistown, was fined 10s. at Coalville, Leicestershire, for using for other purposes 22lb. of sugar which she obtained for jam.

A food officer said that the woman admitted that she had made no jam and she thought the sugar would do for the babies. She had 5lb. left and was using it for ordinary purposes.

Mrs. Towersey wrote that five of her children were under seven.

Mr. Edward Orton, a magistrate, said he was not surprised at what she had done.





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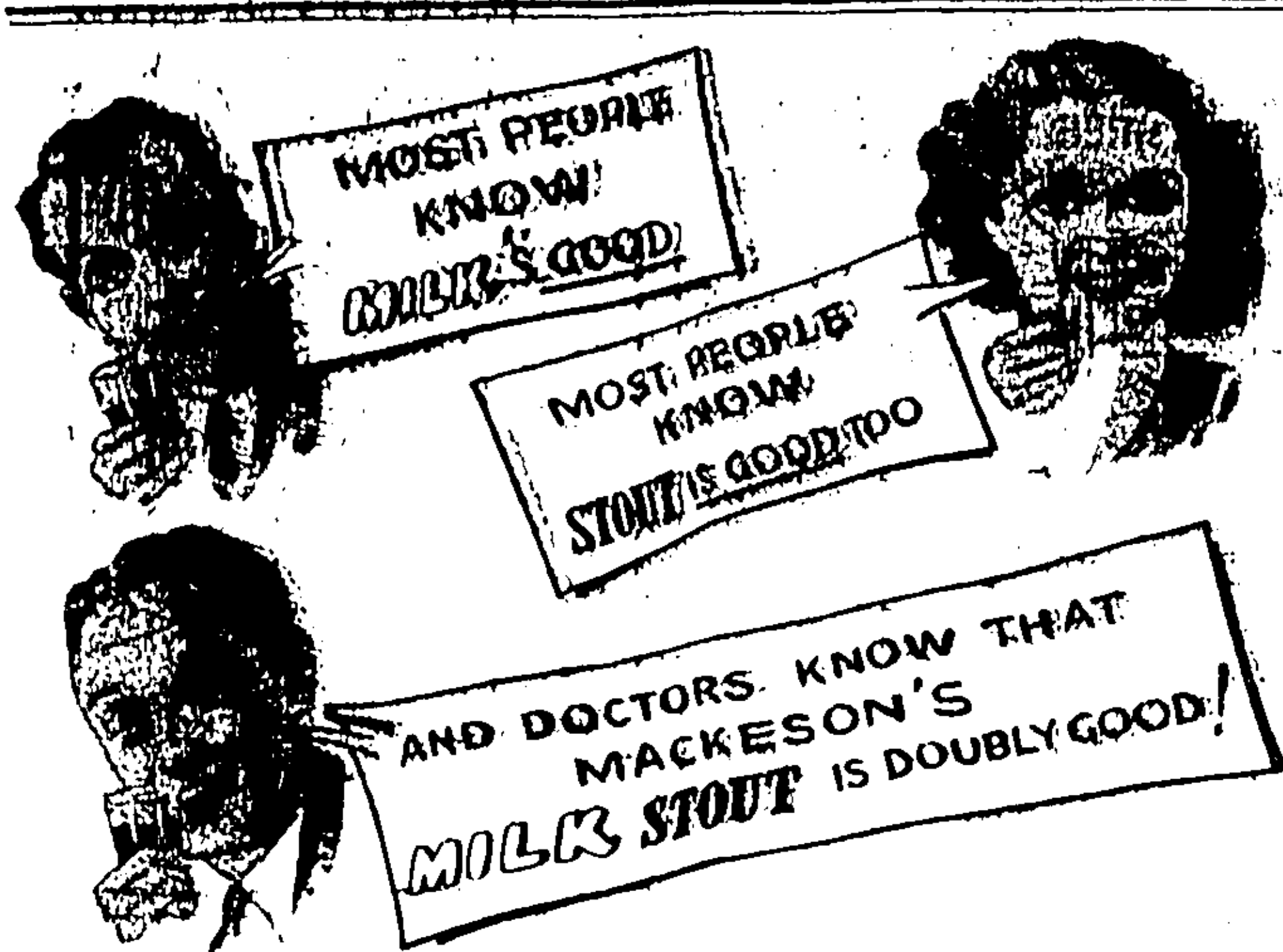
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# A NIGHT WITH LONDON FIRE FIGHTERS

Miss Helen Kirkpatrick of the London staff of the Chicago "Daily News," sent the following message to her paper:

**OUR FIRST ALARM** of the evening had been caused by a handsome combination of a few high explosives and a "Molotoff breadbasket," and it was a pretty good blaze even in the eyes of the A.F.S., who do not consider anything less than a five-alarm fire worthy of mention.

Strictly speaking, it was not the first alarm that had been sounded, but it was the first our fire-fighting friends in the gigantic control room, feet underground, thought we should bother with. So we piled into a fire car and dashed off to a well-known Central London street. About 30 pumps were working on it when we got there, after making our way along the glass-covered street.

A building opposite to the one afire had been razed by explosive and we had to climb over heaps of bricks to get up to the front line where hoses were playing on the top of an office building.

"Watch it. Hose coming up," and we jumped aside as another powerful stream leapt in the air. The accumulation of hoses, firemen and police in the small area suggested that we had better make way, so we stood on the steps of an adjacent building. Just then came the now familiar whizz of an approaching bomb and someone yelled, "Down flat, everybody."

## A Useful Piece Of Soap

Our fireman guide stuck out his foot to trip me up, but I was already flat by then inside a door. A thud and boom sounded down the street and everyone picked himself up.

It was well under control and only smoke with an occasional flicker poured from the top floors. It occurred to someone that an old-fashioned gas street light was going as merrily as in peace-time.

"Anyone got a piece of soap?" A policeman disappeared into the building and returned with a cake. As it smothered the gas out he called: "Hey, mate, don't forget to return it. I might want to wash me hands."

There wasn't much more to be seen there, so we moved off to the nearest fire station to find out if there were any more outbreaks requiring a visit. As we drove up to the station three distinct and successive whizzes sounded. We three back-seaters buried our heads in our hands, but not the firemen, who never turned a hair.

## Explosion Rocks Car

When the explosion sounded, hours later so it seemed to us, they were 50 yards away, and the car rocked like a ship in a storm. As we came out of our ostrich positions a sharp blow on the back of the car sent us to the exit with unparalleled speed. But it was only a bit of hot shrapnel, which dented the fender.

Behind us we saw a deep red glow, and without waiting further information we roared through the night towards it, not heeding the traffic lights and one-way streets. We made a pretty good guess at its location and arrived, as a second group of pumps pulled up. It was another office building on the fringe of a residential area.

Our guide took charge of the hoses, and we ran them up through the building to the roof and clambered up after them—two firemen and myself. Twelve feet away the roof was a roaring inferno, and the hose was kicking like a mustang as the pressure increased. It was a narrow ledge, and I thought retreat downwards more interesting.

## Historic Church Afire

An elevator was still running to the top floor, with a woman ward on bearing a tray of tea for the firemen. No sooner had my fire-officer guide established hoses in position and seen the fire was controlled than another broke out 500 yards down the street.

Off we went, and reached it before any pumps arrived.

It was one of London's loveliest and oldest Highgate churches. Flames were eating the centuries-old beams like paper, and the beautiful stained-glass windows were cracking

like chestnuts in a roaster. My firemen took charge, opening fireplugs for pumps which came up one every few seconds. I again retreated across the street.

But to-day, when every other citizen in this city is pretty close to being a hero, the fire fighters stand out. There are no words to describe their fearlessness.

Of all this vast organisation a mere 2,500 are regular peace-time firemen, and they think their volunteer comrades pretty splendid. No one could disagree.

## THE R.A.F.'S WAY IS BETTER

"The Nazis do not care a damn for the civilian population of Germany," said Mr. Robert Boothby, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary of the Ministry of Food, replying in Manchester to the demand for the bombing of Berlin in reprisal for the attacks on London.

"Hitler, Goering and Co., stuck at nothing in their rise to power, not even the murder of their friends, so why should they stick at the mass murder of their enemies?" he asked. "There is only one answer—

## GROWING RESISTANCE TO NAZIS IN FRANCE

WHILE IT would be unwise to entertain exaggerated hopes of a French recovery, there is no doubt that both the Germans and the Vichy Government are beginning to feel the increasing difficulties of the present situation.

This is clear from the Press of both the occupied and the non-occupied sections of the country. The heavy German demands in cash and in kind have had a depressing effect, and the latest news shows that the longer the German invasion of Britain is delayed and the more the de Gaulle movement grows in Africa, the more impulse will there be for centres of resistance to form in France.

"Candide," a weekly paper not unfavourable to Britain, speaks of such centres at Lyons, Seis and Grenoble—the first would be particularly important in view of the industrial character of the town—and mentions that the town council of Dijon has had to be dissolved. Meanwhile, the Germans are trying to soothe the population. The "Matin" (Paris) publishes a strongly worded denial that the Germans have ever requisitioned for their own purposes two of the commodities now most prized in France—bicycles and bedclothes. Should an isolated case be proved, it continues, exemplary punishment will follow.

What the Germans have of course, done is to "purchase" individually, with useless marks, bed linen and other textiles, so that the French inhabitants cannot now replace those worn out.

## Sympathy With De Gaulle

To combat the latent sympathy with the de Gaulle movement the "Petit Parisien" (Paris) of the

## HITLER WILL FAIL

Broadcasting on Hitler's efforts to destroy the free Press of Britain, Mr. F. P. Bishop, assistant manager of the "Times," said:

"We are determined that he shall not succeed, and I think we can promise that he will not. I say that because after the experience of the last fortnight we know that the spirit of our people in the newspaper industry is quite unshaken and quite unshakable. These tired, harassed, cheerful, undaunted members of a peaceful industry are equal to any trials the war may bring."

to hit them back where it hurts them most. This the R.A.F. is doing. To those who are demanding attacks on the civilian population of Germany I say that the Nazis do not care for their civilian population, but they do care when their arsenals, munition factories, railways and barges are blown up.

Referring to the food production campaign, Mr. Boothby said: "The Government is determined that, come what may, an adequate supply of essential foodstuffs shall be available at prices which the poorer classes can afford to pay. We are already subsidising bread, meat, and bacon to the tune of over a million pounds a week.

There is no lack of sympathy for the inhabitants of London and other towns now being intensively bombed by the Germans. The official wireless news sent out from Lyons is guarded, but it gives the British figures as well as the German, while adding a fair amount of news derived from New York.

The "Figaro" (Clermont-Ferrand) writes: "Let us ask ourselves how we should have stood this trial, which was spared us. The thought fills us with compassion, and the resistance of the British throws light on the courage of those who believed in the destiny of Britain."



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## FINANCING "ALL AID"

The late Lord Lothian, on stepping from his returning plane at LaGuardia Airport at the end of last month, with one brief and simple statement frankly raised a problem which every one knew to exist, which in any event had to be faced sooner or later.

The United States is dedicated to the policy of all aid to Britain short of war. But so far it has not relieved the British of the necessity of paying cash on the barrel head for every item of material aid which they have got from the United States. It has been a policy of all aid on a strictly cash basis. And, as Lord Lothian observed, the cash is running out. The gold and securities, which are their only means of making cash payments, will be used up "before long"; some time in the coming year "other means of payment will have to be found" unless the Americans are suddenly to dry up the stream of supplies.

For it is important to realise that this problem of payment is not simply a British problem; it is an American problem. The maintenance of that stream of supplies is vital to the United States—only less vital than it is to Great Britain—and it is folly to suppose that the U.S. could bring it to an end merely because Britain was no longer able to pay a cash profit for the privilege of fighting a battle. The Americans have now deeply realised to be their own. As the "New York Times" said the other day, it is not for Americans to wait on British pleas; it is for Americans themselves to decide how they are to meet the financial necessities of American policy to which they are committed.

The immediate stop-gap solution would be to throw American credit resources open in the same way that American industrial resources are now open. Only two legal barriers stand in the way—the Johnson act and the financial provisions of the neutrality act. Neither has much application to the present situation. The first was primarily an attempt to collect the old World War debts—a dead issue now, and one which is certainly not going to paralyse the British war effort and so deliver the world to Hitler. The second enactment sprang mainly from the idea of preventing the nations being "dragged" thoughtlessly or unintentionally into war by the creation of a financial interest in one side. Nothing of that kind is now involved. The policy of "all aid" was not adopted for financial reasons; it was forced upon the American people as the one best way of preserving their democracy and their security in a world-shaking time, and it is incredible that this clause of the neutrality act should prevent their making that policy good. The clause itself, incidentally, has nothing to do with legal neutrality, which has never forbidden the supply of credit to a belligerent.

These two laws do not apply to the desperately practical problem which the exhaustion of British cash resources will produce. And to stop simply with the repeal of the Johnson act and the financial section of the neutrality act would be to take a dangerously narrow view of the real problem. Perhaps it would be something to permit Britain to borrow. But could private capital come anywhere near meeting the real needs? The real issue has been posed by Mrs. Roosevelt, wife of the President. Is it sensible to bequeath another insoluble war-debt problem to the ruined dawn of peace? The policy of "all aid" is not a policy of only such aid as Britain can beg or borrow the money to pay for; it is now posed as a policy of all aid that the United States can give, because the United States has a vital interest in British survival. That means not only ships and planes, not only loans, but subsidies. In the financial aid in every other field it means the broad view and the boldest action.

"In days to come," said the "Star" "historians may well describe the failure of the air offensive to destroy Britain's resistance this summer as one of the decisive battles of the world." That is a just estimate of the implications of the air war as it has developed since the surrender of France.

Hitler's High Command undoubtedly believed, after that deplorable event, that by using its air power to the full it could bring Britain to her knees with the same overwhelming rapidity which had caused the collapse of lesser enemies.

The complete failure to accomplish our destruction by this means—a fact now admitted in Axis circles and recognised with gratitude by the friends of Britain—is a positive and serious defeat for the enemy. What is

surprising is that the British people has taken this striking achievement with phlegmatic calm, as if it were a matter of course and not a glorious salvation which few people outside the British Isles thought possible.

Our victory should be noised abroad for all that it is worth in order to produce its full moral

By A.J. Cummings

effect in countries which are still doing reluctant obeisance to the Nazis or are uncertain how to act until they are convinced that Germany is not a certain winner.

### Terror Bombing

Having, at least for the time being, abandoned his vain attempts to destroy the R.A.F.,

the enemy has turned openly and unashamedly to terror-bombing. This can only be done effectively at night, since in the daytime his bombers and fighters encounter R.A.F. pilots conscious of their superiority, and deliberately avoid direct combats. They slip through here and there, but always at hazard.

The nocturnal fury of the enemy bombers is still concentrated on London. Night after night hundreds of high explosive bombs and incendiaries are rained upon different parts of the Metropolitan area, for the most part at random, and apparently with the sole object of attacking civilian morale and so disintegrating the social and economic life of the capital.

### Military Objectives

In "total" warfare that is a military objective; indeed, noth-

ing ceases to be a military objective in total warfare, which is waged by the Germans to-day without mercy and without any regard for the so-called laws of international warfare.

As long as they are strong, and deem themselves secure from defeat, the Nazi leaders will continue to destroy private houses and private citizens indiscriminately. They will stop only when they are in danger of losing the war or discover that the morale of their own people is visibly weakening.

### British Bombers

Up to the present British bombing crews, carrying out what I know to be strict instructions, in accordance with a carefully devised strategic programme, have aimed only at specified military targets. The destruction of the great synthetic oil plant at Politz was a magnificent example of legitimate aerial bombardment.

But it would be foolish to pretend that when military targets are attacked in the heart of Berlin and in other great German towns the misses and near-misses do not affright and slay and wound large numbers of human beings who do not wear a soldier's uniform.



That is one of the inevitable horrors of war in the air. Air-parity between two great belligerent nations does nothing to diminish the horror. It serves only to equalise the casualties. I am afraid that, as the British bombing forces approach in numbers and then overtake those of the enemy, and carry their menace deeper still into enemy country, the civilian casualties on both sides will rise and this form of the conflict will develop into a ferocious war of naked reprisals.

### Hitler's Eastern Front.

Other possibilities, of course, are the default of the German Air Force under increasing pressure or the diversion of large elements from Western to Eastern Europe. It is improbable that any large diversion will be made to Egypt. But in a war against Russia, or against Russia and Turkey combined, the German High Command would be compelled to transfer a very considerable proportion of her air power to the Eastern Front.

Is there the slightest chance that Germany will find herself at war with Russia before she has been able to settle her accounts with the British Empire? It is a fascinating speculation; and it is not altogether beyond the bounds of possibility in this strange and fluctuating conflict of mutual fears and rival ambitions.

### Two-Front War

But my own belief is that Germany, having at the beginning averted the peril of a two-front war, will not incur it now or at any time, even though the military might of France has melted away. British striking power grows stronger every day; and America is moving with ever increasing impetus to the verge of war.

marine's most dreaded foe because it not only can attack with bombs, but in many instances it can spot a submarine that is submerged at considerable depth. When a plane is sighted, the submarine dives and remains submerged until it feels sure the plane has departed.

So it would appear that arrangements should be made to provide convoys with aeroplane escorts which will afford protection against submarines and enemy aeroplanes, and also be a means for early detection of surface raiders.

Convoys to and from North America seem to be suffering the most from Nazi attacks. It is only some 1,800 miles from Newfoundland to Land's End, and modern flying boats at both ends of this route should have no difficulty in conducting patrols over this area.

What can be done is indicated by the fact that the United States Navy planes are flying daily from Southern New England to Nova Scotia and back between morning and mid-afternoon. Planes can fly from San Diego to Panama or Pearl Harbour without stopping.

With performance of this kind there is no reason why the 1,800 miles between Newfoundland and Britain cannot be covered several times a day. If the weather is good, the planes can see the submarines, for the most part. If the weather is too bad for flying, submarines are likewise concerned with looking after their own welfare.



## Air Defence for Convoys

Britain may need to call upon its power in the air to redress the balance of its power on the seas.

Studying the intensified German attack upon British shipping leaves the inescapable conclusion that further adaptation of aeroplanes to convoy and general naval use holds a possible answer to Britain's shipping problem.

That problem is greater than in the World War, as has been made clear in previous articles.

### New Submarine

But the danger of the German attack lies not alone in the additional bases from which the Nazis are operating. There are two other significant reasons:

1. German submarines have adapted the "listening" devices used by surface craft to detect submarines. Equipped with these same devices, they are able to track ships and fire their torpedoes "blind" without exposing their periscopes.

2. Using torpedoes detonated by a device actuated magnetically, rather than by contact, the submarines no longer fear shallow-draft destroyers.

During daylight, a submarine on the surface can sight a ship when it is miles away, and long before

there is any chance of the submarine being seen from the ship. Previously when it became necessary for a submarine to submerge, it had to expose its periscope briefly from time to time.

By Capt. Frederick L. Oliver

In order to plot its position with relation to the intended victim. Trained eyes, alert for the telltale wake a periscope makes, frequently were able to give an alarm in time to permit the submarine's attack being frustrated, and an attack being launched against the submarine.

With the new listening device it is unnecessary for a submarine to use its periscope. It not only tracks its target while completely submerged but is able to aim torpedoes by the same means. At night the same device enables a submarine to detect and attack vessels that otherwise would have passed unseen.

The submarine does not show the same wholesome respect for the destroyer that it did during the World War, when the mere appearance of the latter on the horizon was usually sufficient to send the submarine scurrying

away. This change in procedure is entirely due to the development of the magnetic-firing device for the torpedo.

In the World War the submarine had practically no means of attacking a destroyer, because the latter's small draft made it necessary for torpedoes to be set to run so close to the surface that, except in a smooth sea, they would break surface and run erratically. A torpedo advertising itself in this manner was an open invitation for the destroyer to charge down its wake to ram the submarine or shower it with depth bombs.

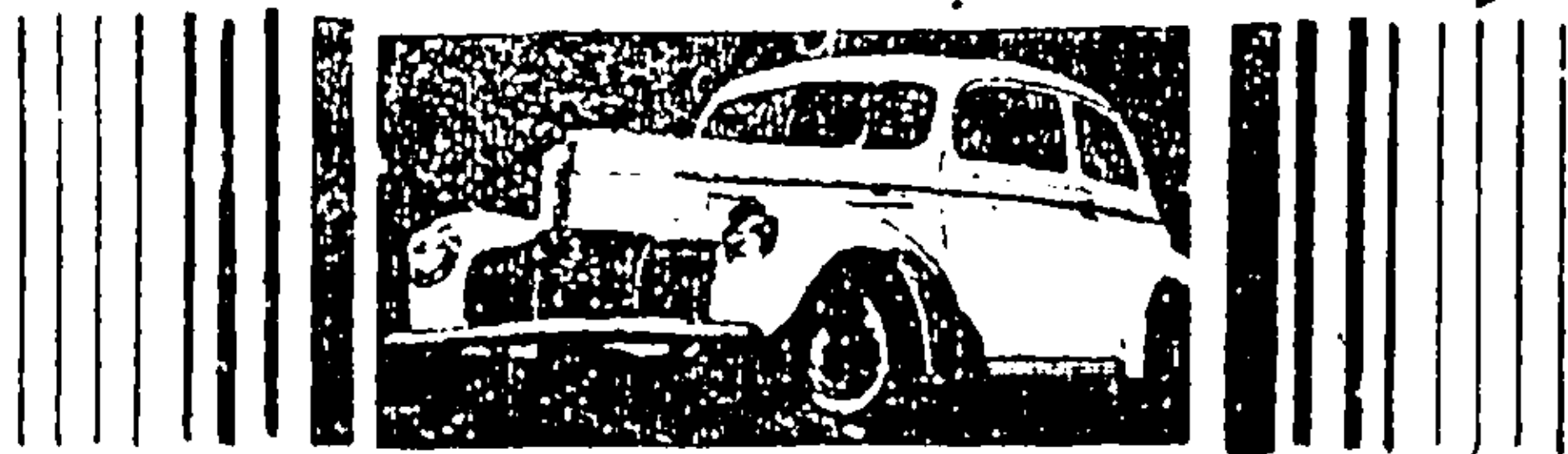
The advent of the magnetic firing device has entirely changed this state of affairs, and incidentally is responsible for the havoc torpedoes have wrought in this war, because they now explode directly under a ship instead of against its side where part of the force of the explosion would be dissipated in disturbing only water.

A submarine now can set its torpedo to run deep enough to prevent broaching, and yet be assured that when it runs under a destroyer the magnetic device will cause it to detonate, and no aftermath of depth bombs will result. The aeroplane is the sub-



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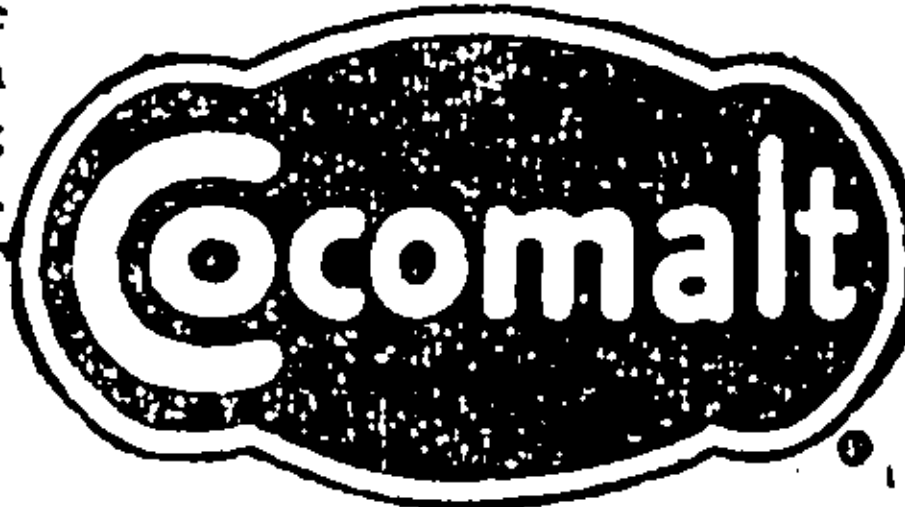
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# HEAVY DAMAGE IN CENTRAL LONDON

CENTRAL LONDON had a heavy air raid in the early hours, when bombs dropped at random on non-military objectives struck such widely differing buildings as a Wren church famous in nursery rhyme and a well-known cinema.

A bomb which hit the railings of the church destroyed many priceless stained-glass windows, most of them more than two and a half centuries old.

The famous bells have not been damaged; but much of the fabric of the building suffered badly. The damage would have been much less but for an unlucky chance.

Instead of burying itself in the earth of the churchyard and throwing its blast upwards, the bomb, a 100-pounder, struck the top of an iron gate set in the heavy railings surrounding the church. It exploded virtually in mid-air, and did extensive damage to the north face of the building, to the fabric and windows of the western corner of buildings opposite, and to shops and offices over a wide area.

## Disconsolate Caretaker

The blast was so great that a column of old ivy, toughly embedded in the wall of the church, was blown in a roll along the front of the building.

The church caretaker, who guards the building nightly, was disconsolate. He had taken great precautions to protect the stained-glass windows, which were his special pride, and was upset to see his handiwork lying shattered around him.

"I was in the vaults when the bomb came down," he said. "The explosion shook the old church and I came up to see what had happened."

"Stained glass windows, already protected by quarter-inch plate glass, were strewn on the floor. The bomb had hit a double-bolted gate which hasn't been opened for years and splinters flew all over the place. If it had hit the earth it wouldn't have done nearly so much damage. The vaults below

there are protected by four feet of solid stone."

The court buildings had been peppered with bomb splinters. White wounds nicked out of the blackened stones looked as if a massive hand had thrown salt against the building.

## A.F.S. Heroës

The licensee of a public-house in an area affected by fire earned the praise and thanks of A.F.S. men who helped to fight a fierce blaze. Although warned to evacuate his premises because of the increasing danger, he refused to go, and continued to provide refreshments throughout the night for the firemen and wardens.

"If they could risk their skins fighting fires, then so could I," the landlord said. "It was just a job of work that had to be done. The firemen were grateful for the hot drinks and sandwiches, and I was glad to be able to help."

Other Central London buildings damaged included the Associated Press of America building, a popular restaurant, in which diners were flung from their seats by a bomb explosion. Many were injured and taken to hospital. The band continued to play. "There'll always be an England," as the restaurant rocked with the shock.

## Oil Bomb Hits Church

The basement of another building which was hit was converted into a casualty clearing station for the district, and doctors and ambulance workers did great work with the injured.

An oil bomb destroyed the roof of a church in South-West London. The Vicar said: "We were sheltering in the Crypt with 50 people who have been bombed out of their homes. We heard a thud and, running out, saw that the church roof was ablaze."

"With a churchwarden and a sidesman I rushed into the church and, while the roof was burning, we helped to save ornaments, hymn-books and other articles. Other people formed a line from the church door to the church hall and the ornaments were passed from hand to hand to safety."

## Boarding House Dead

Nine people were rescued unhurt from the wreckage of three boarding houses in South-West London which were hit by a bomb. A.R.P. workers were still digging among the debris to recover the bodies of others believed to have been killed.

It was disclosed that premises damaged in recent raids included Selfridges in Oxford Street and an Indian students' hostel attached to London University.

## DEVIL'S ISLE

Reports from French Guiana suggest that inhabitants of Devil's Island will declare for General de Gaulle, no matter what the local governor decides.

These men fear the Vichy Government might restore the old harsh penal system which was abolished by the Popular Front Government in France.

The Blum Ministry was very susceptible to the world disgust aroused by brutalities practised in this part of the French Empire, but they would not go as far as repatriating the men whose labour was essential to the working of this rich colony.

## No Food Or Wages

Since France went out of the war Vichy has ignored Guiana. Food and wages have not been sent, and a number of "colonists" who have escaped to other terri-

## TOO CLEVER A.R.P.

A London business man who values his sleep has lately declined to follow his wife and family to the safety and discomfort of their air-raid shelter. He has made his bed nightly under the dining-room table. With the sideboard on one side and the wall on the other, he considered he had good enough protection against the collapse of his house.

The other night, however, he was awakened, so sharply by so loud an explosion that he sat up violently and knocked himself unconscious on the underside of the table.

## 'MOSQUITO' FLEET FOR U.S.A.

America's new "mosquito" boat fleet could be transported in warships, specially constructed to carry them, to points where they might be needed to operate in an emergency.

This plan is being considered and if it were put into operation would open up a new phase in naval warfare.

To decide the type of "mosquito" craft most suitable for the United States navy, the Navy Department offered prizes of 15,000 dollars (£3750) each for designs for a 59ft. motor torpedo boat, an 81ft. motor torpedo boat, and 110ft. and 165ft. submarine chasers. All these new craft are to be known as "P" boats.

Four of the 59ft. class have been delivered and reached a speed of 40 knots. They are equipped with two 12 cylinder, 1200 horse-power petrol engines.

## British Designs

Four of the 81ft. class are building, and it is reported that at least one is constructed of aluminium alloy.

All these types cost, between £21,000 and £24,600 each. Two of the 110ft. submarine chasers costing £48,000 each are on order.

The largest type, a 165ft. submarine chaser, is building at a cost of about 1,225,000 dollars (£306,250). She is an all-welded steel craft and is intended for patrol work as well as anti-submarine service. The speed is understood to be about 22 knots.

In addition, 23 vessels are on order to plans arranged by Mr. Hubert Scott-Paine, the British "mosquito" boat designer.

These vessels are 70ft. long with three petrol engines giving a maximum of 4050 horse-power. Twelve are being completed as motor-torpedo boats and the rest as submarine chasers without torpedo tubes.

All of the 59ft., 70ft. and 81ft. craft, totalling 32, are to be completed within the next four or five months.

Stories have declared their intention of fighting for Free France. But some of the old convicts on the mainland think that a Nazi victory, by wiping out the record of their past, would give them another chance.



# DIFFICULT TO KEEP PACE WITH BRITISH ADVANCE

(By Reuter's Military Commentator)

THE SITUATION IN LIBYA is developing fast and presents new vistas to the British so rapidly that it is difficult to keep pace with events.

General Wavell's moderately phrased bulletins hardly convey the full sense of the magnitude of the Italian disasters.

## AUSSIES GOING INTO ACTION

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent at Advanced Headquarters)

The happiest people in the Western Desert to-day are the Australians. They are now coming into their own.

I spent to-day dashing along a desert road with some of these bronzed and enthusiastic soldiers whose only complaint about this war until now has been that they lacked a chance, as one lieutenant expressed it, "to show our folks that the Anzac of to-day is just as good as his father."

Now they have it. The wave of enthusiasm these fresh troops are carrying with them into the desert is exactly the tonic needed by those troops who have been fighting continuously for the past 10 days and whose difficulties are naturally increasing as they penetrate further into enemy territory.

Some of the most cheerful Australians were riding to the front in five-ton lorries captured from the Italians, which had been overhauled and are proving a useful addition to the Australian force.

British troops gave them a special cheer as they passed. — Reuter.

## SUCCESS OF GREEK TACTICS

Richard Dimpleby, the BBC observer in Greece, has just completed an extensive tour of the front and reports that the secret of the Greek success is due to two main factors:—

Firstly, they give the Italians no rest; and

Secondly, if they do meet with any strong resistance, the Greeks split up into small bodies which converge on the Italians from different points, throwing them into a panic. — Reuter.

## FOR U.S.A. MORE DESTROYERS

The award of a contract for the construction of 40 additional destroyers at an estimated cost of over \$253,000,000 is announced by Colonel Frank Knox, U.S. Secretary of the Navy.

He also announces the award of contracts for the expansion of shipbuilding facilities at a cost of over \$8,000,000. — Reuter.

## SHA MAO-SHAN RETAKEN

Shamaoshan, strategic hill in southern Hupeh, was recaptured on December 14, in a furious Chinese counter-attack which resulted in numerous Japanese casualties, according to a field dispatch from the Hupeh front. — Central News.

The Italians admit fighting is taking place round Bardia, which means the British troops must have swept round the Italian flank again behind the Italian rearwards at Fort Capuzzo and Sollum, and the Italian retreat is threatened, if not entirely cut off.

With the British capture of Bardia, which may be expected at any moment, the position of all Italian troops, supplies and transport, which must fill that 20 miles of road, is desperate.

They will all be captured, adding still further to the enormous tally of Italian supplies and equipment in British hands already.

### Problem For Cabinet

The problem which General Wavell and the British Cabinet now have to solve is how to make the most use of the great victory—can we destroy the Italian army in Libya and take over the whole colony?

It is impossible to decide that question on present information, beyond saying that all is possible.

Can Graziani assemble another army to seek to stay our advance or even to drive us back to the Egyptian border?

He will lose a tremendous number of men but he has lost more important things, namely prestige and morale.

### Confidence Destroyed

The confidence of the whole Italian army in Libya has disappeared and the enormous loss of stores and material must have most serious consequences on the remnants of his army, for none of these supplies can be replaced, as Graziani is severed from his main base by the British command of the sea.

Besides the very powerful aid which the Fleet can give by shelling and bombarding 1,100 miles of coastal road to Tripoli and intermediate ports, it can enormously aid General Wavell's question of supply by conveying ships into each harbour which falls into our hands as he advances.

### Not Tied Down

Unlike Graziani the British will not be tied to one road—Sollum is probably available as a supply base by sea to-day—to-morrow it may be Bardia, a few days hence Tobruk.

The movement northwards from Siwa on Tobruk may have a decisive effect on the next British operation—capture of that port.

Thereafter, the Italian demoralisation, their lack of supplies and our own difficulties of supply, of moving up fresh troops and giving the troops some well-needed rest so that at all times there will be sufficient troops within reach of the front to ensure inflicting defeat on the Italians should they show any stomach for further fighting—all these factors will undoubtedly influence General Wavell's plan. — Reuter.

## JOKE LED TO HIS DEATH

A joke on a sentry led to Gunner George Peter Klein, twenty-one, of Norman Road, Leytonstone, London, being shot dead, it was suggested at an inquest at Sunderland when a verdict of Accidental death was returned.

An officer said that the man who fired the shot, Gunner Wilfred Young, explained that when they were on sentry duty he heard a sound behind him as if somebody had jumped. Klein caught the muzzle of Young's rifle, and Young's finger accidentally touched the trigger. The jury exonerated Young.

## PRISONERS "INSURED"

Prisoners of war in Germany are to be insured against accident, according to the German News Agency.

The indemnity is fixed on the basis of the cash allowance paid to the prisoners.

The Order is issued by the German Ministry of Labour, and it is probable that the accidents contemplated are those occurring when prisoners are at work.

## WOMEN SPOT RAIDERS

Spotting type of enemy 'planes is now a popular pastime among women in south-east coast towns.

After the sirens have sounded they wait for the drone of the raiders' engines, and, as the 'planes appear, they pick out and count the various kinds.

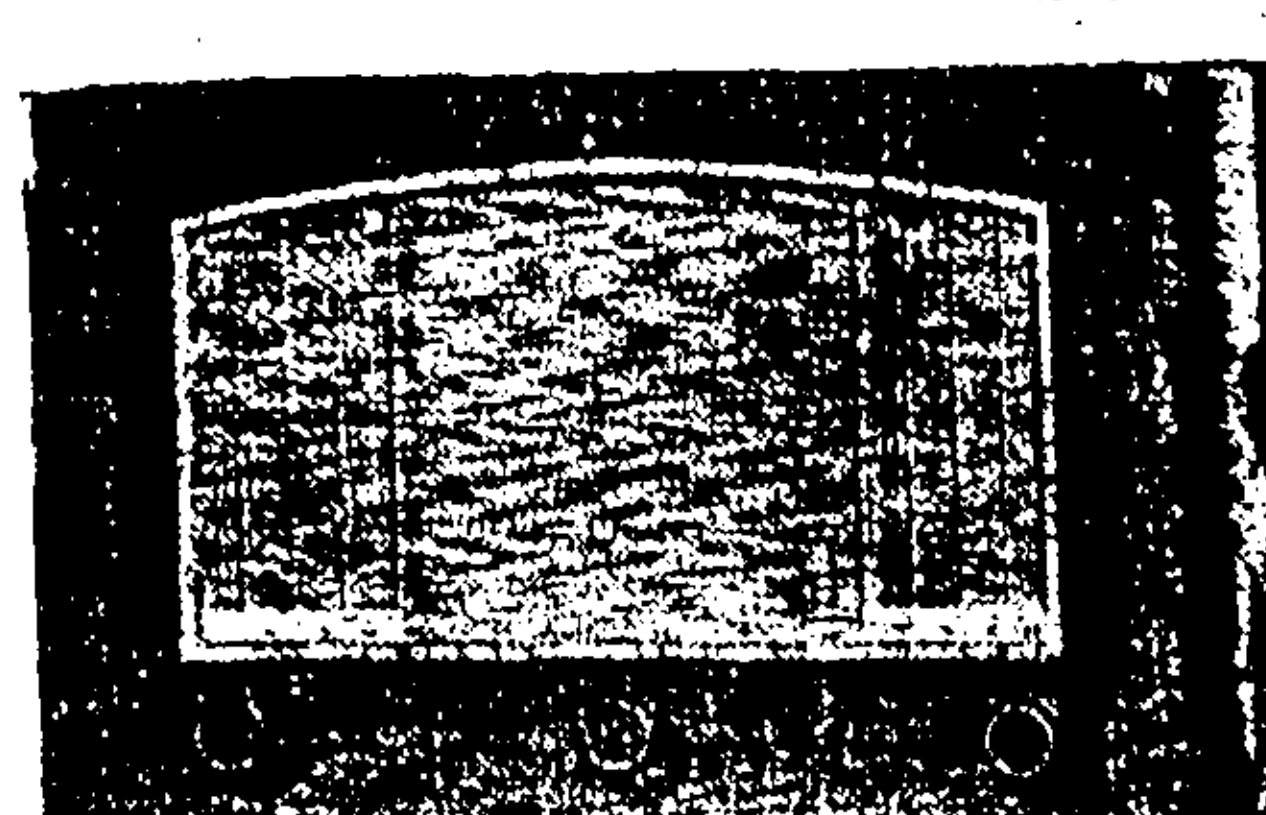
After months in the front line these women who have stayed in their seaside homes, have whole-hearted contempt for Goering's airmen.

They watch anti-aircraft batteries blazing away and follow the progress of dogfights with the enthusiasm of football fans, and when an enemy 'plane comes hurtling down they cheer themselves hoarse.

To them raids are more a nuisance than something to be feared. They upset the domestic routine and shopping plans. They prevent their families getting home at regular times, and hot meals are spoiled.

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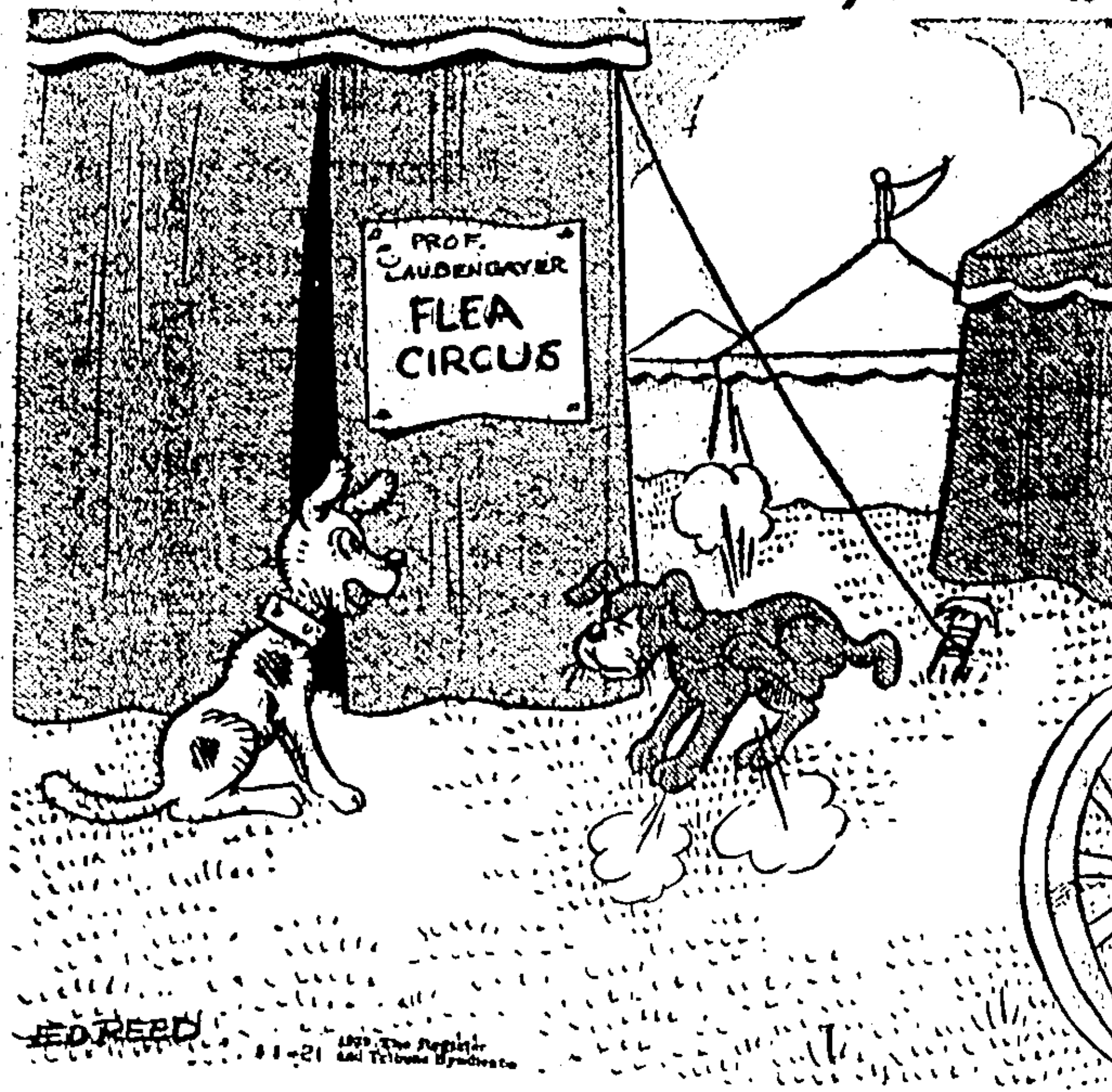
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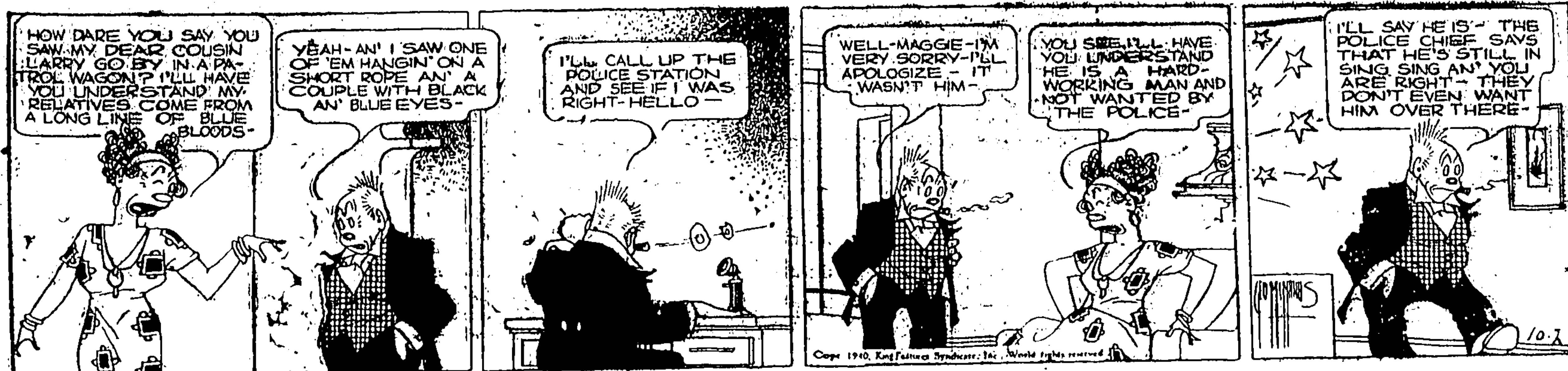
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## Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



## A PAGE FOR WOMEN

# Christmas Photography

We give photographs as gifts because they are likenesses—not because we want a friend to have a glamorous picture of a pretty girl! People love you because you are you, and that you should be caught by the camera. So many girls make the mistake of attempting to look like screen stars when they have their portraits taken.

By all means look natural when you go to the photographers! Have your hair dressed as usual and see that it is set at least two days before your appointment. Brush it out well (to encourage highlights) and arrange it softly—set waves and ringlets are too static to have any beauty.

Be sure to select a day when you look rested and happy. There are certain days in each month when a girl is bound to look a bit peaked. Don't have your picture taken then. Rest well a couple of nights before, so your eyes will be bright and your skin clear. The camera, my dears, catches every little eye puff and every little tired line—so give it your best face to work on!

Speaking of eyes—they should be made up expertly with shadow, mascara and brow pencil. I said expertly—not so laden with

cosmetics they look like the vampires of the silent screen!

When you face the camera don't get frightened. Let light and humour sparkle in your eyes make them speak for you. You can do this only if you are relaxed, and entirely unselfconscious. Joke with the photographer if you can, so a natural and not a forced smile will light up your face and make your eyes dance with merriment. Some authorities say that a smiling photograph grows boring after a while, but I do not agree with them. If your smile is natural I think it adds to your photograph, particularly if you plan to give it to your best beau and to members of your family. A photograph for commercial reasons may be a more serious study.

If you have freckles, let them show, but try to conceal minor

skin blemishes. Many models highlight their skin with a very thin layer of grease cream, and others coat their skin with pan-chromatic make-up such as the stars use. But a good foundation cream and a careful powdering with a shade approved by your photographer should give you a sufficiently nice skin texture.

Be wary of lipstick. In fact you should seek your photographer's advice as to which shade is better. Some reds photograph either too light or too dark, but there is a lip colour which gives you just the depth you want.

Wear a simple dress, for simplicity is fashionable throughout the ages—a fussy dress dates too quickly. Ask the photographer to take several poses—front, face, profile and both sides at least. We all have an angle which photographs best.

## Cold Left-Over Turkey

can be turned into exciting fresh hot dishes

says Dorothy Greig

THE turkey is in full glory on the first day, appearing in all his golden succulence and tenderness as a whole roasted bird.

The second day he does nobly, too, as a cold platter filled with legs and wings and slices of breast meat around a mound of savory dressing.

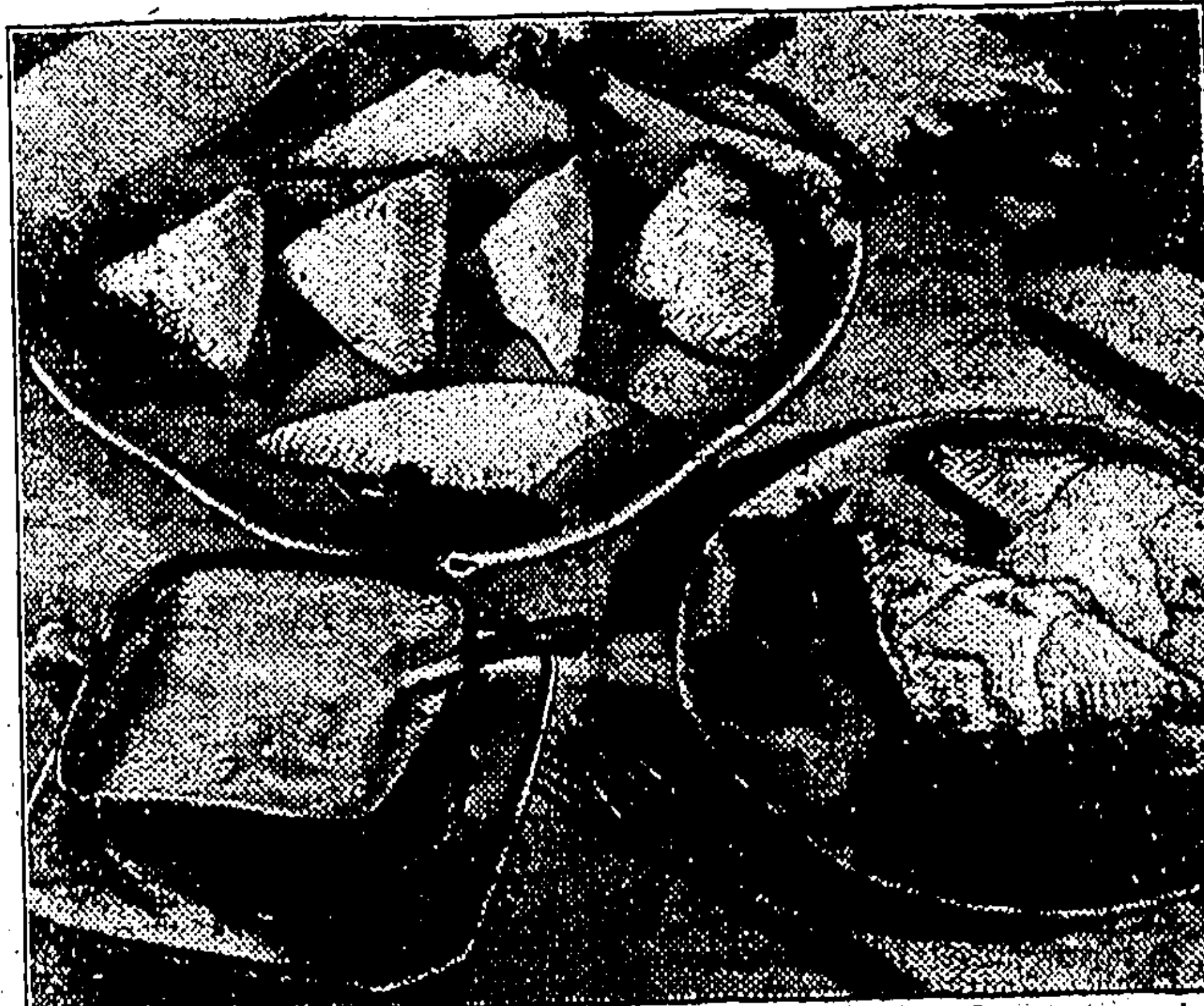
But by the third and fourth days, while there's lots of him left, he is pretty much reduced to scraps. That's where a big change takes place. He returns to the family table all dressed up as fresh hot dishes and we rejoice and enjoy him with renewed zest.

Who likes flaky pastry turnovers? Everybody... and all the more so when the filling is turkey and they are served with a sauce that gives them extra flavor.

baking tray and bake in a hot oven (450°) for 15 minutes. Makes 8 turnovers.

**Mushroom-Pea Sauce.**  
 1/2 cup condensed cream of mushroom soup  
 1/4 cup condensed pea soup  
 1/2 cup milk

Combine soups. Then add milk and heat, but do not boil. Serve over the "Hot Turkey Turnovers". Turkey can reappear as a creamy la king dish, too, to the deep contentment of all those who are served therewith.



Turkey Turnovers with Mushroom-Pea Sauce present leftover turkey as a hot fresh dish.

**Hot Turkey Turnovers with Mushroom-Pea Sauce.**  
 2 cups cooked turkey, chopped  
 1/2 cup condensed cream of mushroom soup

Combine turkey with soup and mix well.

Pastry for Turnovers: Sift 3 cups flour, add 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/2 cup shortening. Cut in shortening, then add ice water mixing with a fork until the dough holds together. Chill thoroughly. Roll out pastry on floured board and cut into 4 1/2 inch squares. Put a spoonful of turkey mixture on each square, moisten edges of pastry and fold cornerwise, pressing edges together with a fork. Put on a greased

**Turkey a la King.**  
 1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup  
 1/4 cup top milk  
 1 cup turkey  
 1/4 cup pimiento (cut in strips 1/4 inch wide by 1 inch long)  
 1 egg yolk

Cut the turkey into pieces about 1/2 inch square. Stir the cream of mushroom soup well. Then add 1/4 cup of top milk. Heat and add the turkey and strips of pimiento. Then add the egg yolk which has been diluted with some of the hot sauce. Heat, but do not boil. Serve on toast, in patty shells or with hot buttered rice. Serves 4.

## The Modern Ballroom

In making plans for a bath-room, either in modernisation or in new construction, one of the first points to consider is the style and location of the bathtub. Once bathtubs were as alike as peas in a pod. To-day the home builder or home moderniser may choose between more than 20 different models and styles.

Unlike some home equipment, plumbing fixtures are not subject to seasonal style changes. New models are an outcome of constant study in relation to the problems of sanitation, safety, practicability, and the needs and desires of the public. Design trends are toward a lower fixture. Some of the newer models measure only 18 inches from the floor to the rim, thus making it easy to step in and out. Another definite trend noticeable in all of the newer models is a wider, flatter bottom.

Due to the enthusiasm with which the public accepted the innovation of a seat as an integral part of the bathtub, when it was introduced recently, all of the newer models provide this convenience. Some have a seat at the end, others in the middle of the outside rim; others at both the end and in the centre of the outer rim. Some tubs are designed with a wide rim which serves as a seat, with the front rim depressed in the centre to provide a low seat. A distinctive type is four feet square and has seats in the two corners. Seats are a convenience for foot bathing for children, and they enable elderly people to enter and leave the bath with greater ease.

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That to clean coral jewelry there is nothing better than a cut lime or lemon. Rub over every side carefully and rinse in clear water. The coral will acquire a lovely new bloom.

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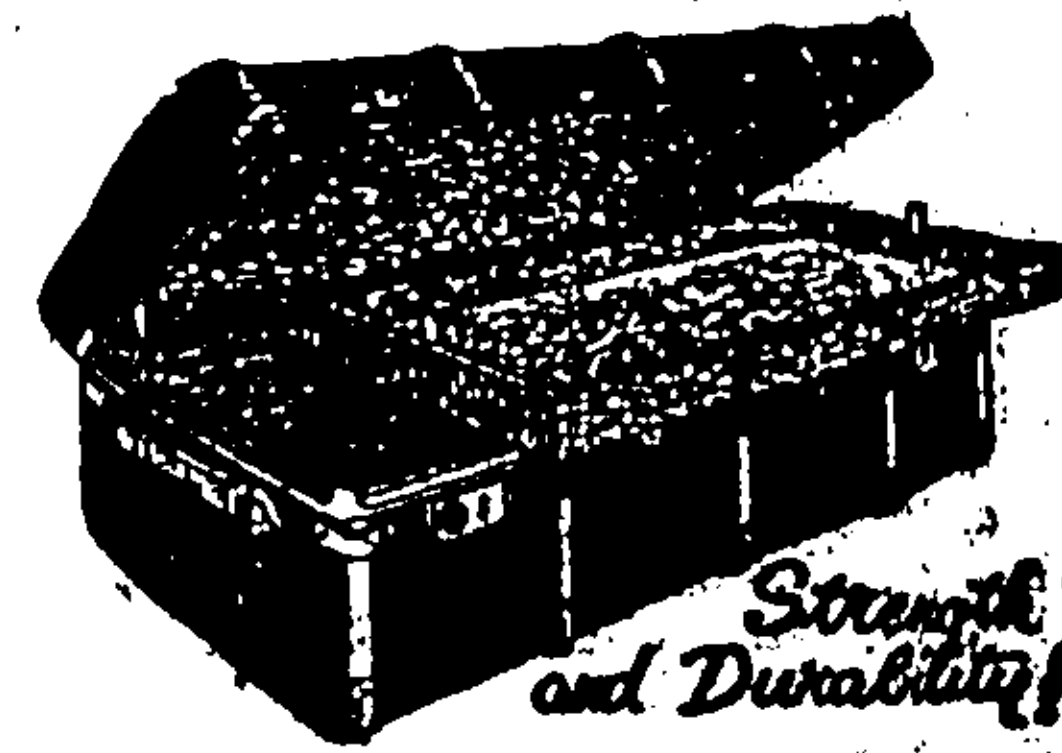
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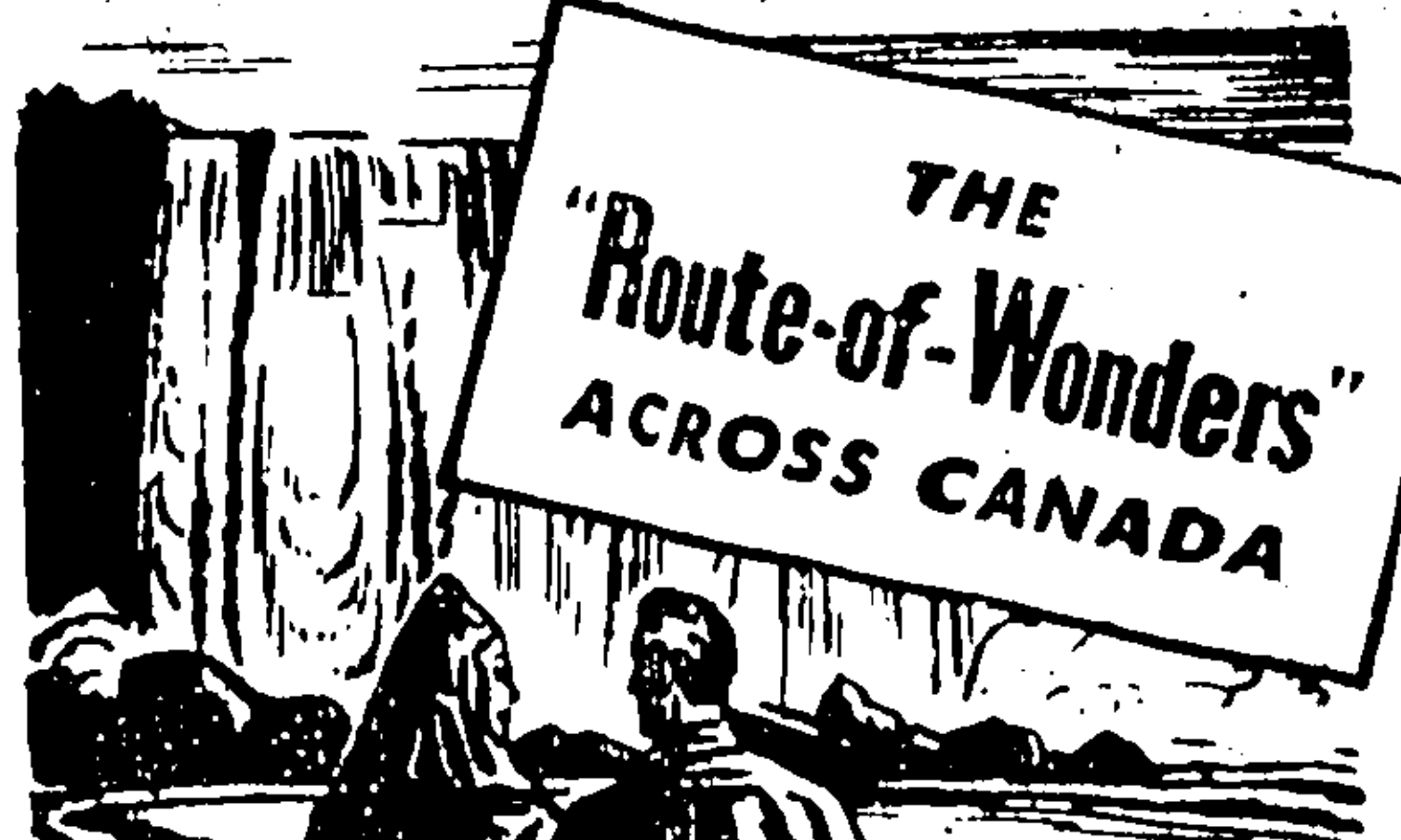
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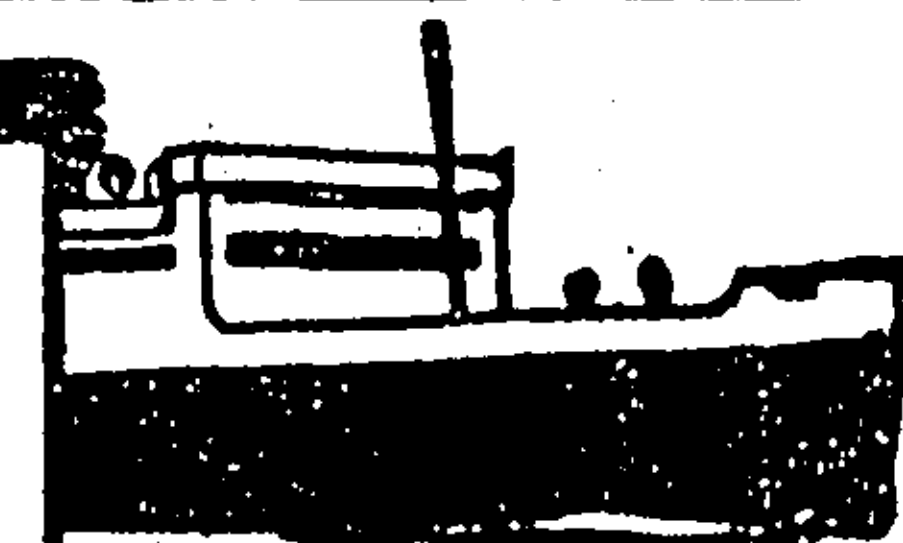


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- 1.15 p.m.—Victor Silvester and His Ballroom Orchestra.
- 1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
- 1.45 p.m.—Dvorak—Quartet in E Flat Major, Op. 51.
- 1st Mov: Allegro ma non troppo; 2nd Mov: Dumka (Elegie) (Andante con moto—Vivace); 3rd Mov: Romanze (Andante con moto); 4th Mov: Finale (Allegro assai).... Lener String Quartet.
- 2.15 p.m.—Close down.
- 6.32 p.m.—Composition of Brahms. Tragic Overture, Op. 81... The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra cond. by Arturo Toscanini.
- Intermezzo in E Flat Major, Op. 117, No. 1... Wilhelm Backhaus (Piano).
- In Silent Night; Little Sandman... Comedy Harmonists.
- Intermezzo in B Flat Minor, Op. 117, No. 2... Wilhelm Backhaus (Piano).
- 7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
- 7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.
- 7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The Louisiana Boy Variety.
- 8.03 p.m.—A Programme of Early English Music.
- 8.30 p.m.—Studio—"British Dramatists" No. 4: Sheridan. Talk by Father T. Ryan, S.J.
- 8.50 p.m.—Songs by Dennis Noble (Baritone).
- 9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.
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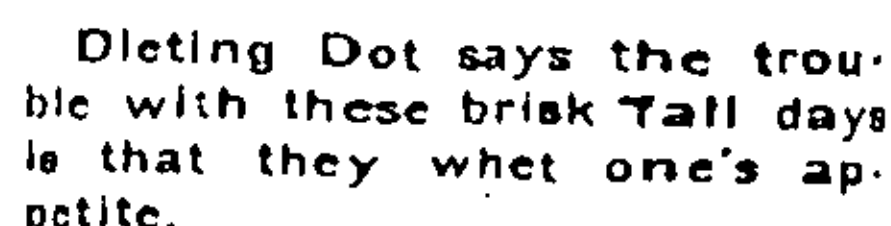
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**First Team (at Home):**—E Ziminer (Capt.), G Souza, A K Ismail, B I Billimoria, A J Hulse, B R Inaner, A B Hanson, E A Lee, W Hong Shing, J L Youngsaye and M C Hung.

**Reserve:** E H Esmail.

**Second Team (at Soekunpoo):**—A M Omar (Capt.), A Hung, J W Lennard, W K Wav, S Leonard, N Broadbridge, T Lock, O M Omar, U H Esmail, E Mtibhell and C W Llam.

**Reserves:**—T Edgar and L Choa.

Chung Hwa retained the League leadership, although the Cosmos gave them anxious moments by holding the lead until the last inning. Diesta, Cosmo left gardener, hauled down every fly that came his way, and there were plenty of them hoisted, no less than seven in all. Chung Hwa finished at the long end of a 9-8 verdict.

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Home-runs were belted in by O'Sullivan, H. Remedios, A. K. Omar and Ernie Ribeiro, the last batting safely five out of five. "Dopey" Ozorio, dressed up in his Sunday togs, hurled for the Bankers, whilst A. B. Hassan assumed mound duties.

Following is the Club "A" team to meet Navy "A" to-day on the Club ground at 5 p.m.: Thompson; Needham, D. Hynes, T. A. Pearce, Bosanquet; Charter and Clemo; Walkden, Dunnet, Castleton; Benn, Olesen; Dalziel, B. Hynes and Redman.

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# Rapier Reviews Final Race Meeting Of The 1940 Season

## COTTAGE CLUB CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

The Cottage Club paper-hunt for "The President's Cup", which it is hoped to make an annual event, will take place on Christmas Day, starting from the Club House.

There will be a draw for ponies by Members of the Cottage Club at 3.30 p.m. and the hunt will move off at 4 p.m.

Non-members, who can provide their own ponies, are cordially invited. Individual riders will also be very welcome.

In addition to the "President's Cup", which will be presented to the winner of the hunt, there will also be a "Ladies' Cup" for the first lady home and a cup for the second rider.

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Brilliant weather conditions last Saturday favoured Hong Kong Jockey Club for their Thirteenth Extra Race Meeting at the Valley and this meeting indeed provided a fitting finale for the 1940 racing season.

An exceptionally large crowd attended; the various events were keenly contested, and with the track in such splendid condition, it was not altogether surprising that the China pony record for the 1 1/4 miles was lowered by Confusion Bay.

Honours amongst the Jockeys went to Mr. Donald Black, who rode four winners, a second and a third in seven starts, thus for the second time in his racing career having the coveted distinction of being Champion Jockey, the last time being in 1936. I feel sure that the Racing Public will join me in extending to Mr. Black hearty congratulations on his achievement, which was well deserved.

Mr. T. K. Li headed the owners' list with a win, a second and a third.

### Mr. Bradbury's Welcome

The first race, the Fardy Handicap for "B" Class China Ponies saw Humdrum Eve (Mr. Botelho) take a runaway lead from the start, with Lilliber, the ultimate winner, content to trail a little behind, followed by Red Feather (Mr. Wei). Gradually Mr. Chao crept up on the leader, and was abreast of Humdrum Eve 100 yards from the post. At this stage Lilliber responded to Mr. Chao's urge, and from then on it went on to win by three-quarters of a length, with Humdrum Eve having the better of Kentucky by a neck for second place. Lilliber's win provided a nice little welcome for its owner, Mr. B. W. Bradbury, who on his return from holiday had the satisfaction of leading in the first winner of the day.

### Bob Charles Wins

In the second race, the Last Chance Handicap for "C" Class China Ponies, the result was not difficult to anticipate. After its previous performance in the Copshawham Handicap (First Section) over 1 1/4 miles, there was really nothing among the entries to upset Rob Roy, who was well and truly ridden by that veteran jockey Mr. R. H. Charles. Royal Wedding Eve (Mr. Craven) took the lead, followed by Jane Doe (Mr. Tang) and Rob Roy. After passing the Rock, Royal Wedding Eve faded out of the picture, leaving Jane Doe to take the lead, followed by Rob Roy and Eve of Hunting (Mr. Davis). Rounding the bend, Mr. Tang urged Jane Doe on to such an extent that it had a lead of a few lengths, but Mr. Charles did not appear unduly worried, and by the time the distance post was reached Jane Doe was rapidly tiring, and Rob Roy had no difficulty in winning by two lengths from Emergency Unit (Mr. S. W. Lee), which came up with a burst on the outside to oust Jane Doe for second place by a short head. Mr. Charles was given a rousing ovation when the pony was led in by Mr. Poy, first string jockey, in the absence of Mr. Eu Tong-sen.

### Vixen Tor's Bad Luck

The third race, the Dilatory Handicap for "B" Class Australian ponies resulted in the first win of the afternoon for the Champion Jockey, Mr. Black, on Criffel, but had Vixen Tor not been tardy at the start the finish might have been different. Devonian (Mr. Treverton) was made favourite, and the race started with Double Finesse (Mr. Botelho) taking the lead, followed by Criffel and Australian Prince (Mr. Pan). After passing the football stands, Australian Prince moved up to second position, and there was no positional change until after passing the Rock, with the exception of Devonian replacing Criffel for third position. In the home stretch Double Finesse and Australian Prince gave up the struggle and were passed by Devonian, only nipped by Criffel, with Vixen Tor coming through strongly. These two indulged in a stern struggle, but Criffel had established too big a lead, and try as he did Mr. Davis could not get the extra few yards out of Vixen Tor and had to be satisfied with being second, losing by a short head,

with Devonian taking third position.

### Record Broken

The Hong Kong Autumn Championships for China ponies was really a nice race to watch, but spectators were hardly prepared for Confusion Bay's magnificent display, aided by Mr. Sung's fine judgment.

The race started with Eve of Harvest (Mr. Davis) forcing the pace, followed by Craigavad (Mr. Botelho), Burford (Mr. Black), Confusion Bay (Mr. Sung) and O'Land (Mr. Neda). This order was maintained until passing the six furlongs post, when Mr. Sung sent Confusion Bay forward to second position. After passing the half-mile post, Mr. Davis urged Eve of Harvest on to increase the lead, but evidently as a result of its initial effort this pony could not provide the fast last quarter run of which it was capable. It certainly cracked up badly once it was passed by Confusion Bay 100 yards from the end. At this stage Burford was coming through strongly to challenge Confusion Bay, with O'Land also in the picture. Amidst great excitement, Confusion Bay just managed to get its head in front to snatch a grand victory, with Burford second and O'Land third. Confusion Bay not only won the Championship, but it also shattered Burford's record by 2/5" and was also responsible for the payment of the biggest win dividend of the day, \$47.20.

### Favourite Wins

The fifth race, the Laggards Handicap for "C" class Australian ponies, which was also the first leg of the "Daily Double", resulted in the second win for Mr. Black when he brought in Warrego River, the favourite. Winnie (Mr. Chao) took the lead with Annabella (Mr. Hoo Pak-ming) and Cocklerol (Mr. Ip Kui-ying) just behind. Mr. Black was satisfied to keep Warrego River in the rear, and it was not until the two-mile post was reached that he sent his mount forward to take the lead, which it maintained right up to the end with Bredon (Mr. Chattey) second and Cocklerol claiming the other position.

### Sapper Extended

The last of the big events, the Queensland Autumn Championships, attracted only three starters. The race started with Sapper (Mr. Davis) setting the pace, with Viceroy (Mr. Black) and Baffin Bay (Mr. Neda) following behind. On passing the distance post for the second time Sapper was still leading, but Mr. Davis was experiencing trouble as both Viceroy and Baffin Bay were coming up strongly from behind and he had to exert himself on Sapper to stave off their challenge, just managing to do so by a length from Baffin Bay, which had the better of Viceroy by a short head.

### Mr. Black's Third Win

The seventh race, the Lingers Handicap for "D" Class Australian Subscription ponies, was the second leg of the "Daily Double" and resulted in another favourite justifying the confidence placed in it. Quick Despatch enabled Mr. Black to score his third win of the afternoon. Colorado Star (Mr. Davis) was the first to get away, with Sea Urchin (Mr. Craven) and Surprise Again (Mr. Chao) in close attendance. This position was maintained until after passing the six furlongs post, when Sea Urchin took the lead, followed by Surprise Again. Roofly (Mr. Neda) and Quick Despatch further down. On rounding the Village bend Mr. Neda sent Roofly forward to come alongside Sea Urchin, with Surprise Again and Rising Star (Mr. Tuo) also together, behind then came Quick Despatch. In the home stretch Roofly asserted itself and gradually moved away from the others, and it appeared as if it was going to win, but Quick Despatch, with determined riding on the part of Mr. Black, was coming up yard by yard to catch Roofly, which it ultimately passed 100 yards from the post. Although Mr. Neda tried his best on Roofly he had to admit defeat by a length, with Surprise Again third

## ARMY SOCCER FINAL

The Final of the Army Small Units Football Competition will take place this afternoon at Sookun-poo between H.Q. Company, Middlesex and "D" Company, Royal Scots.

## COOMBES SCORES 110 NOT OUT

High scoring featured the friendly cricket match at Sookun-poo yesterday between Royal Army Medical Corps and 5th A.A. Royal Artillery, when the former won by 8 wickets.

Taking first lease of the wicket Artillery scored 183 for 7 declared. Dobbins was top scorer, with 64 which included nine boundaries.

Webb and Coombes opened the innings for Medicals and the pair added 36 runs before Webb was bowled by Dobbins. Coombes played a dashing innings scoring 110 not out in 40 minutes including 22 boundaries. Together with Swyer he added 122 before the second wicket fell.

When Coombes was 96 he was hit on the head by a fast ball but was able to carry on.

| 5TH A.A. R.A.               |    |  |  |  |
|-----------------------------|----|--|--|--|
| Ingram, c Harvey, b Bright  | 41 |  |  |  |
| Plummer, c Bright, b Harvey | 18 |  |  |  |
| Clague, lbw, b Harvey       | 4  |  |  |  |
| Dobbins, b Wyre             | 64 |  |  |  |
| Martin, b Coombes           | 4  |  |  |  |
| Barsby, not out             | 34 |  |  |  |
| Sidder, b Webb              | 1  |  |  |  |
| Extras (B15, LBI, W1)       | 17 |  |  |  |

Total (for 7 wkts. dec.) 183  
Morgan, McCadden, Bradcock and Baker did not bat.

| Bowling Analysis |     |    |    |    |
|------------------|-----|----|----|----|
|                  | O   | M. | R. | W. |
| Harvey           | 4   | 0  | 22 | 2  |
| Wyre             | 7   | 1  | 44 | 1  |
| Coombes          | 7   | 0  | 46 | 1  |
| Bright           | 5   | 0  | 46 | 1  |
| Webb             | 3.3 | 0  | 25 | 1  |

| R.A.M.C.              |     |  |  |  |
|-----------------------|-----|--|--|--|
| Webb, b Dobbins       | 19  |  |  |  |
| Coombes, not out      | 110 |  |  |  |
| Swyer, b Martin       | 24  |  |  |  |
| Harvey, not out       | 5   |  |  |  |
| Extras (B26, LB2, W1) | 29  |  |  |  |

Total (for 2 wkts.) 187  
Smith, Musson, Bright, Wyre, Shorthouse, Dunne and Parkin did not bat.

| Bowling Analysis |   |    |    |    |
|------------------|---|----|----|----|
|                  | O | M. | R. | W. |
| Plummer          | 5 | 0  | 47 | 0  |
| Dobbins          | 6 | 0  | 46 | 1  |
| Barsby           | 5 | 1  | 45 | 0  |
| Martin           | 5 | 0  | 49 | 1  |

another half length away. For its win Quick Despatch gave its 671 "Double" backers \$22.90 each.

### Jack O'Lantern Upset

The last race of the day and the year, the Final Handicap for "D" class China ponies provided punters with a real shock. Despite the fact that Sunlight View (Mr. Wei) was carrying 108 lb. and the distance was one mile, it was made firm favourite, but it ran unplaced. On the rise of the barrier Sunlight View went to the front, followed by Piet Hein (Mr. P. P. Botelho) and Jack O'Lantern (Mr. Black), the ultimate winner. Sunlight View still led after passing the Rock, but Jack O'Lantern moved up to second position without striking distance of the leader, followed by Piet Hein and Salvage Master (Mr. Tao). On rounding the bend for home Jack O'Lantern overhauled Sunlight View and went on to win by a length, despite a strong challenge from Salvage Master, the second pony, all the way down the straight. Piet Hein was third, another length behind, Jack O'Lantern paid out \$46.00 for its win and gave Mr. Black his fourth winning mount of the day.

## TRIPLE PLAY BY ISMAIL FOR INDIANS

### By "Grandstand"

Recreio Aces noxed out the Cyclones by the only run scored in the tussle, which was featured by sparkling fielding on both sides, giving the cash customers full value for their admission.

Held scoreless for the entire seven frames the Cyclones only garnered three safeties, but booted four times, which the Recs. took advantage of.

Rambling Aces broke into the scoring in the fifth when a wild heave by third-sacker "Ikey" Haroon gave Lino Gosano a life, who carried home the mail on "Doctor" Gosano's timely single to centre. The Cyclones put up the biggest threat in the sixth, when they had the sacks soused on a walk, a perfect dump, and a tumble by Johnnie Alvares, after which Recs. went into session and relieved Alvares by clutch pitcher Gerry Gosano, who got the team out of the hole.

### Bone-Head Play

Bone-head play on the part of the Cyclones also contributed to Aces' triumph. With a set-up marked squeeze play all over it, Skelly Razack and clean-up hitter K. M. Rumjahn fled out to the infield with no gain on the bases. Junior Markar grounded out to end the threat, which might have reversed the decision.

With the seventh inning coming up, Cyclones were unable to make good the one run deficit, as Haroon and Silva-Netto grounded out. Bakar reached first on a single, but Markar, Sr., hoisted one which was easily hauled down. "Kelly" Silva-Netto in his initial appearance in the senior loop did fairly well up on the mound, limiting the Recs. to only four scattered hits, walking two, but did not fan any.

Johnnie Alvares, first-string on the Aces pitching staff conceded two blows, and walked two, but showed signs of weakening in the fifth, when the Cyclones caught on to his pace. Relief Gerry Gosano, issued one pass only, and was found for a single.

### Amper Badly Hit

St. Joseph's nine massacred Filipinos to the tune of 25-7, almost hitting hurler Tatong Amper at will. Saints collected eighteen safeties whilst the Islanders only connected for four, of which key-stoner Bautista accounted for two in his three trips to the plate.

"Bambino" Dave Leonard had a good day, with two four-baggers, the last time with two aboard, besides which he smacked a double, bringing in another two Cole-gians. Doubles were also registered by Stan Leonard, Powawski "Jindoo" Hussain, and Henry "Shoe-string" Ali.

Filipinos started with a brace of three markers and piled up two more in the next frame, but were unable to keep the pace. Two double killings were dished up by the Filipinos, the first when Bob Laurel clamped his hands on Gonzales' foul fly, and caught Jindoo Hussain flat-footed between third and home, and when Harry Campos hauled down Hussain's fly to nail Stan Leonard at third.

### Indians Win Easily

Indians downed the Canadians in the night-cap by 12-3, in a one-sided game. Herbie Quon toed the rubber for the Canucks and whiffed eight Indians. At times he was inclined to go wild, passing no less than six Indians to first on balls. The Indian hurler "Kass" Nazarin fanned two only. A. B. Hassan was most prominent with the hickory, connecting safely three times in his four times up, including a pair of four-masters, and a double, whilst Herbie Quon homered for the Canucks.

Regular Indian catcher Tarzan Ismail, filling the short stop gap, started a triple killing, by pulling down Johnnie Delgado's fly, targeting Y. Chan off second, and pegging to the home plate to nab "Herbie" stealing home.



# WAHOOS SCORE CLOSE WIN OVER WILDCATS

## J. Anderson And Gloria Mar Hit Homers

### Therese Noronha Pitches Well

By "Grandstand"

IN SPITE OF the fact that the odds were against them, the Wahoos humbled Wildcats by shading them 17-16 in a game featured by a last inning rally which netted them five markers. The Wahoos drew first blood by denting the counting station eight times in the initial frame, but the Untamed Felines replied with a cluster of nine runs in the second to take the lead.

All the runs were chalked a single each. In the ninth Recs. up after two outs, when Socorro Castro's expensive bungle of Thelma Motta's slow roller, started Wildcats on a merry-go-round. In the third frame both sides played shut-out ball, with fielding masterpieces.

With the top end of the batting order coming up in the fourth, Wahoos squeezed another marker. The fifth, Wildcats had a chance to break the tie when hurler Thelma Collaco doubled, but was run down when she attempted to advance on Cynthia "Sailor" da Motta's grounder. Thelma Motta and pinch-hitter Dolly Brown were erased next in order.

In the sixth Irene Castilho drew a pass, and romped home with the tie-breaker on Jackie Anderson's homer. Therese Noronha doubled and added another marker as pitcher Thelma Collaco heaved a wild one to first. In the Wildcat's turn at that the leadership changed hands again, with the Wildcats ringing up four counters on only one safe blow, helped by four Wahoo bingles. In the last stanza, the Green Shired Owls shellacked Wildcat hurler Thelma Collaco for five runs on three hits and three errors. Three Wildcat tallies counted in the last inning with only one out for the Wildcats, for them to trail only one behind.

Irene "Slugger" Pereira walked but was forced out by Thelma Collaco's grounder to short-stop. Irene Castilho, Cynthia Motta fled out to end the game. "Big Chief Wahoo" Therese Noronha hurling her first game this season, did very well and limited the Wildcats to 10 safeties, whilst her mates collected nine off Thelma Collaco, Wildcat "ace-pitcher."

#### Perfect Infield

With the exception of second-sacker Socorro Castro, the Wahoo infield showed perfect co-operation.

Circuit clouts were made by hind-snatcher Jackie Anderson of the Wahoos, whilst Gloria Mar of the Untamed Felines replied with pair of round-trippers, batting in two ahead of her in the first frame.

Therese Noronha batted safely three times out of five, including a pair of doubles, whilst Jackie Anderson, Mary Mar, Irene "Slugger" Pereira, and Thelma Collaco were also good for two a-piece.

#### Extra Inning Played

In the first extra inning game of the season, the Cardinals nosed out the Recreio Ramblarettes by 22-21 after nine innings of play. Efigenia Babida went the route for the Cards, but only fanned one and walked one, whilst Jerry Jorge on the rubber for the Ramblarettes, fanned two, and issued free transportation to first to three Redbirds. Marie Roza catching for the Cards was relieved in the fifth by Marina Wilson, the former allowing one passed ball whilst the latter was guilty of three.

Ramblarettes took off a good start of four runs in the first and five in the third, whilst the Redbirds could only reply with a total of five. In the fourth inning the Cards blitzkrieged the Recs for seven tallies on three bingles assisted by five miscues.

Another spurge of four runs in the sixth gave the Redbirds the leadership and the game would have ended in the seventh, had "Naty" Faladonia not booted "Ding" Lopes fly to left to give her a life, with one away. Ding Lopes romped home for the equaliser on "Cinny" Remedios, slashing triple to left. Olga Slive and Melvie Campos fled out in order. In the first overtime inning, both sides were blanked although both sides connected for

## TO-DAY'S BADMINTON

Following is to-day's "B" Division Badminton League programme and some of the teams:

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| J. R. C.   | v. | King's College |
| V. R. C.   | v. | Chung Wah      |
| St. John's | v. | Polioe         |
| K. C. C.   | v. | Kowloon Tong   |

medios' dump along first base, and scored on third-sacker Gladys "Grandma" Hutchinson's wild heave to first.

On the Reds turn with the slick, Babida slashed out a triple and scored on a wild heave. "Naty" Faladonia singled over short and scored Betty Fitzgerald for the winning run.

King's College:—S. P. Chin and K. J. Attwell; W. C. Chung and K. L. Lui; K. H. Lo and T. Lam.

J.R.C.:—M. Tala and A. R. Pollak;

B. Godkin and J. Odell; Dr. F. Ramler

and L. Landolt.

V.R.C.:—O. el Arculli and S. A. Rum-

jahn; D. M. Xavier and A. A. Remedios;

A. Basto and M. M. de V. Soares.

Chung Wah:—C. F. Chiu and P. C. Leung;

S. C. Liang and K. F. Chiu; W. H. Choy and S. F. Lee.

Polioe:—W. Gillies and L. Gordon; A. R. S. Major and C. Y. Shui; J. MacDonald and H. Dingsdale.

Kowloon Tong:—John Chen and F. H. Kwok;

Peter Lo and Joe Tsang; S. T. Chan and S. C. Chan.

K.C.C.:—A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth;

J. L. Anderson and D. Hazell;

H. S. Jones and A. E. P. Guest.



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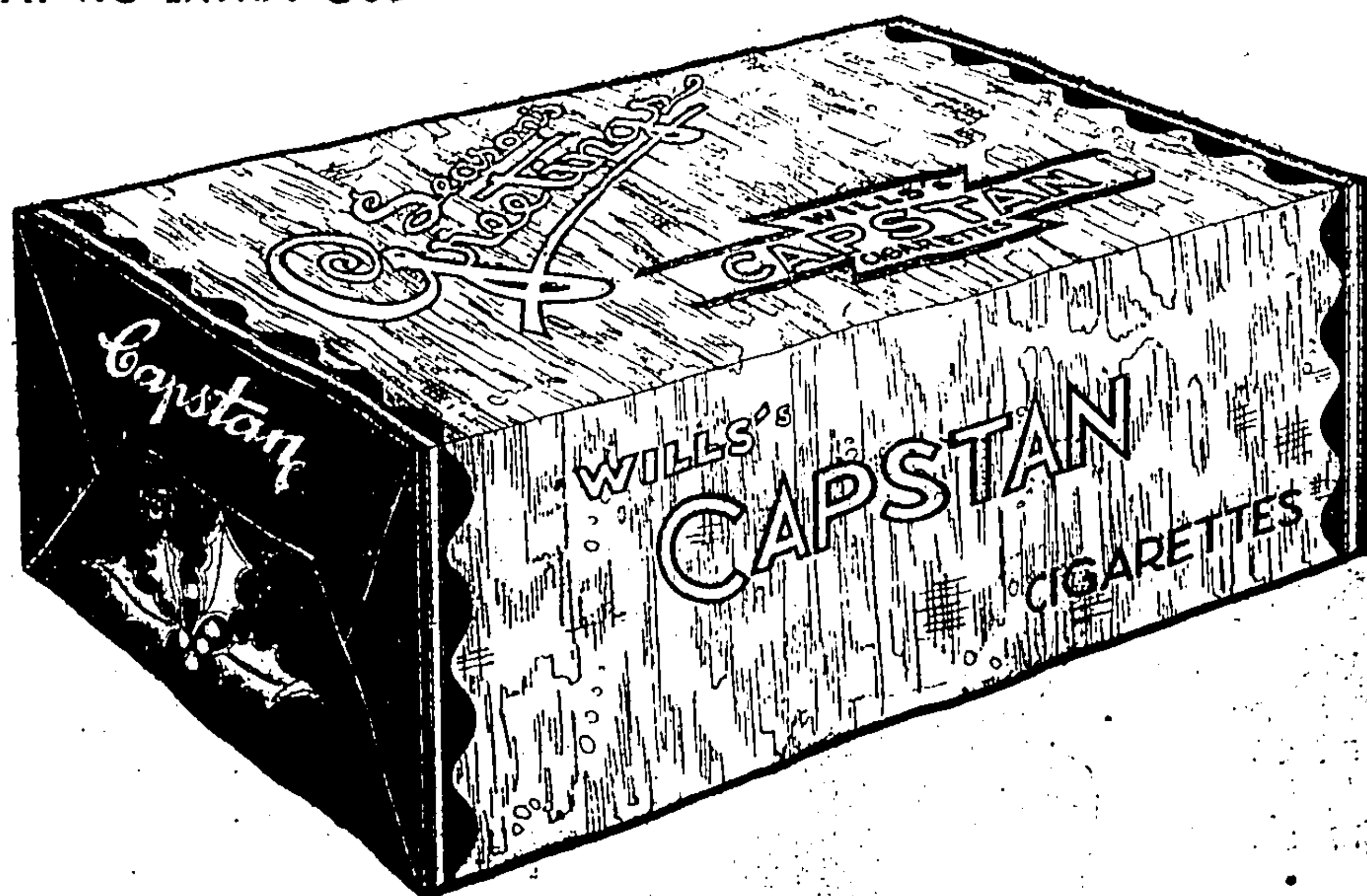
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# THREAT OF GERMAN INVASION

## Hitler Making Preparations For Early Onslaught May Come Before Spring, Warns Lord Beaverbrook

HITLER IS MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR THE INVASION OF BRITAIN EVEN BEFORE THE SPRING COMES — AN INVASION BY LAND AND SEA BUT PRINCIPALLY BY AIR—DECLARED LORD BEAVERBROOK, MINISTER OF AIRCRAFT PRODUCTION, IN A BROADCAST FROM LONDON LAST NIGHT.

### 4,000 KILLED IN NOVEMBER MASS RAIDS

A total of 4,588 civilians, men, women and children, were killed during German air raids on Britain during November, while 6,202 were injured and detained in hospital, the Ministry of Home Security announced yesterday.

These figures include 493 children under 16 years of age killed and 458 injured.—Reuter.

The British were stronger on every front and could supply all 'planes for all pilots in the battle line but wanted more bombers above all.

In the past four months the output of aircraft was double that of last year. Fine types of American 'planes were coming in an increasing flow — some of their fighters were equal to Britain's best.

Hitler was conspiring to dominate Europe and sat on a three-legged stool of, firstly, air superiority, secondly, mechanised forces, and, thirdly, Fifth Column methods of panic and fear.

Britain had a sure defence in control of the seas and had knocked away the first leg of Hitler's stool.

We had seized control of the air by day with fighter squadrons of Hurricanes, Spitfires, Defiants and Whirlwinds.

### Immense Hitler Effort

The German newspapers daily disclosed signs of the immense attempt Hitler is making to bring out a huge air force in the Spring — sure and certain signs of feverish development of production.

"We shall meet and overcome the danger by industry, enterprise, endurance and fortitude. It will be a hard struggle but the builders of aircraft have had difficult tasks before.

"All the machines we lost during the four months in which the battle has raged over Britain have been fully paid for by public contributions.

### The Contest

"It is now a contest between the industrial forces of Britain and the resources and strength of the combined nations of Europe, conqueror and conquered.

"Against them are the British workers, dogged and willing, and certain that we shall destroy the enemy by our labours."

(The Whirlwind mentioned by Lord Beaverbrook is one of the latest type of British fighters which is still on the secret list). —Reuter.

## SPEED-UP IN A.R.P. TUNNEL SHELTERS

A vote for a further \$3,000,000 for the protection of the civil population against air attack is to be requested in Legislative Council to-morrow, bringing the total expenditure before April on this account to \$4,000,000.

It is explained that it has been decided to put in hand certain measures, such as the construction of tunnels, concrete pens, etc. A sum of \$1,000,000 was recently voted for this purpose and the Finance Committee also agreed informally to the appropriation of an additional sum of \$2,000,000 before the end of the current financial year and to the provision of further funds in the Estimates for 1941-42 in order that the programme which is envisaged may be carried out as early as possible.

Work on the construction of tunnels has progressed more speedily than was anticipated and, as it is considered desirable to press on with the tunnelling without disturbing the present allotment of funds for the other types of protection, it is proposed to earmark a further sum of \$1,000,000 for this purpose during the current financial year and to reduce the provision to be made in the 1941-42 Estimates accordingly.

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## PRESSURE ON BARDIA GRADUALLY INCREASING

FIGHTING IS NOW going on in the Bardia area, where our pressure is increasing steadily as new troops arrive on the scene, said a Cairo communique issued yesterday evening.

The communique said that in addition to Sollum and Fort Capuzzo, several other important Italian posts had been taken.

On Monday night, Australian troops successfully engaged an enemy column by moonlight, capturing transport and guns.

In Northern Kenya, the end of the rainy season has enabled us to resume offensive patrolling on a considerable scale.

In the Sudan, the position is unchanged, the communique concluded.

In London, it is emphasised that the British forces are now over 150 miles from their railhead and this must be borne in mind when considering future operations.

It is believed in London military circles that the original idea behind sending troops into Libya on the Italian side of Sollum was to see that the Italian garrison at Bardia did not interfere with the action which led to the capture of Sollum and Fort Capuzzo.

The character of the operations now seems to have changed, as yesterday evening's communique

mentions reinforcements arriving there and an increase in pressure. — Reuter.

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## OFFENSIVE OPENING IN KENYA

General Wavell Increasing Pressure On Italians

### Hitler Planning Mid-February Invasion

Mr. Alfred Landon, Republican candidate for the Presidency in 1936, declared on returning to Topeka, Kansas, yesterday from a visit to Washington that he had been advised "by reliable official sources that Hitler is planning to invade Britain about the middle of February."

Mr. Landon said he found a "definitely disturbed feeling" in Administration circles over the failure to co-ordinate American defence activities. — Reuter.

## EARLY CLOSING LAW SUSPENDED FOR FESTIVALS

THE EARLY CLOSING Ordinance, which requires all shops to close at 8 p.m., is to be temporarily suspended during the Christmas and the New Year holidays of both the western and Lunar calendars, the "China Mail" was reliably informed this morning.

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WEATHER FORECAST:—North-east winds; fresh; fine to cloudy.

The official notification will be published in the Government Gazette on Saturday.

In their petition to Government for extension of business hours, the Chinese Chamber of Commerce suggested that the shops be allowed to remain open up to certain fixed hours on different days.

Government decided to suspend the entire regulations during the three festival periods.

The Ordinance will be suspended from December 22 to December 24 (inclusive), December 30 to December 31 (inclusive) and from January 23, 1941 to January 26, 1941, (inclusive).

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## Reinforcements Pouring Into Action Round Bardia

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

BRITAIN LAST NIGHT REDOUBLED THE FURY OF THE ASSAULT ON BARDIA WITH THE AID OF A CONSTANT FLOW OF REINFORCEMENTS AND SIMULTANEOUSLY OPENED A LARGE - SCALE OFFENSIVE AGAINST ITALIAN EAST AFRICA, 2,000 MILES AWAY.

Following the capture of three more important Italian forts on the Libyan-Egyptian frontier, British troops are now threatening to capture Bardia, first major Italian port in Libya.—International News Service.

Very severe fighting is raging round the Libyan port, according to latest reports received in Cairo last night.

After battering their way across the desert British advance mechanised units are carrying out a formidable attack on the perimeter defences of the port.

Advanced forces of British infantry are following up the mechanised units, while lorry-loads of stores and ammunition bring up the rear.

"Rush" tactics were employed in the British attack on three frontier forts whose capture was

announced in yesterday's British communiqué.

The three forts in question are all on the Libyan side of the frontier.

### Unflagging Speed

British advanced mechanised units are continuing to advance towards Bardia with unflagging speed.

Behind them, and trying to keep up with them, is a continuous stream of infantry, many riding in captured lorries and trucks.

Free French forces, which are right in the front line, are giving valuable support to the Imperial troops. They showed great courage and dash in the

### DEFINITE REJECTION OF NAZI PEACE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Lord Snell's statement in the House of Lords yesterday, when he declared Britain was "resolutely determined to deliver all nations under the heel of Germany," is considered in London as a definite rejection of Nazi peace feelers.—International News Service.

final onslaught against Solium. Although the French army tactics are very different from the British, months of hard training have produced a splendid fighting unit. The French are working in excellently with their British comrades.—Reuter.

## DEATH FOR WOMAN TRAITOR

A woman was sentenced to death for treachery yesterday at Winchester—the first such sentence to be announced as passed on a woman since the outbreak of war.

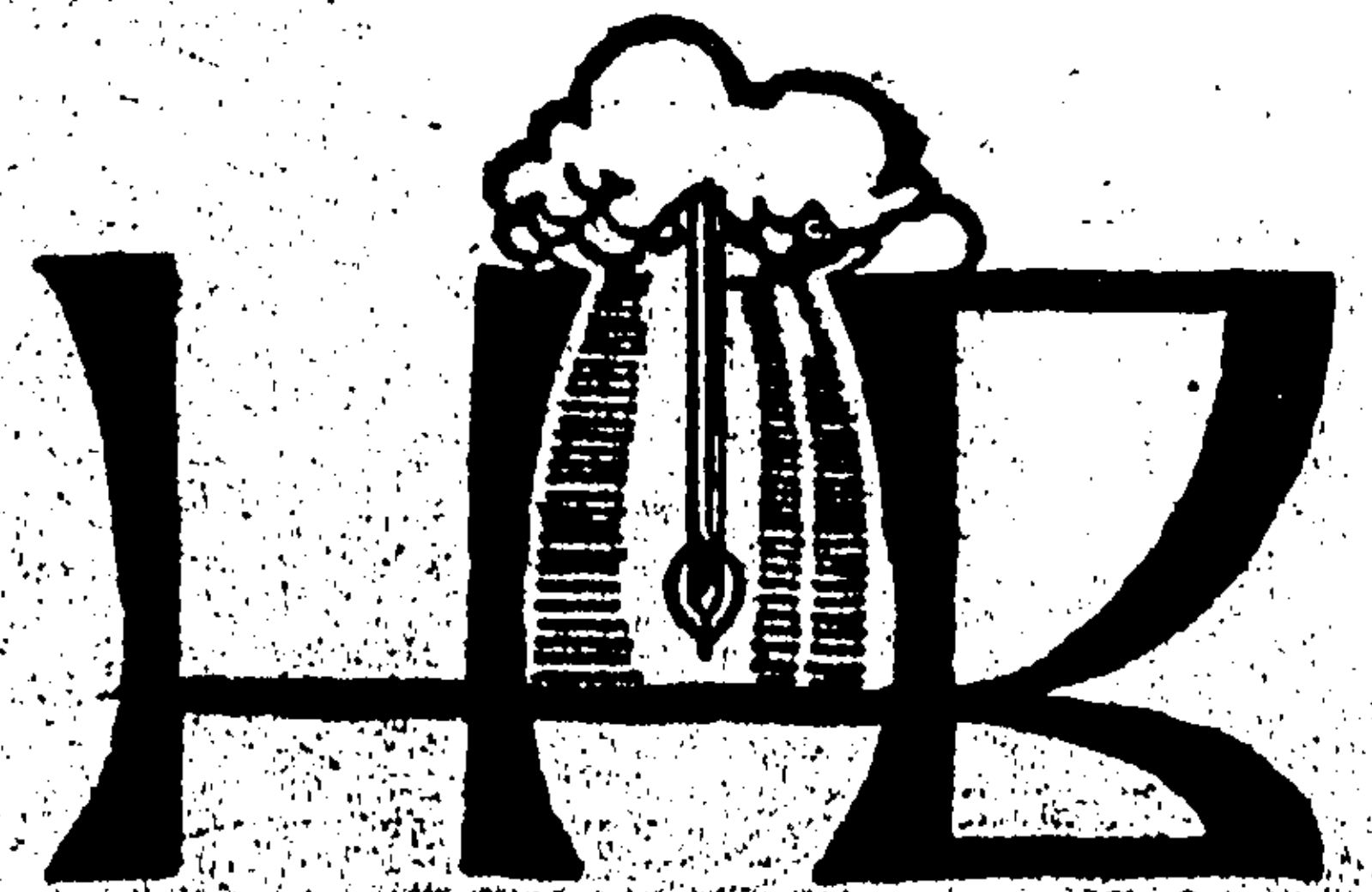
She is Dorothy Pamela O'Grady, 42 years old.

Charges on which she was found guilty were that in the Isle of Wight she made a plan likely to assist the military operations of the enemy, and that with the object of helping the enemy she cut a military telephone wire.

The case was heard in camera and the court was open to the public only on the pronouncement of sentence.

O'Grady, a short, dark, bespectacled woman, showed no emotion when the judge passed sentence.—Reuter.

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—AND THEN TRY!



# Italian Troops March Down "Victory Avenue" In Egypt

## R.A.F. KEEPS IT UP

All enemy aerodromes between Tobruk and Bardia in the Western Desert were heavily raided by R.A.F. bombers on Monday, states a communique from the Royal Air Force's Middle-East Headquarters.

Fighter planes maintained constant offensive patrols throughout the day.

Bardia suffered a further intensive raid on Monday night in excellent weather.

Altogether more than 12 tons of bombs fell on barracks, military buildings and railways. One particularly fierce blaze as well as other fires was started.

Tobruk, Bomba, Bema, El Adem, and El Gubbi were attacked and heavily damaged. During an offensive patrol R.A.F. fighters shot down eight Italian aircraft and possibly a further two.

Another Italian aircraft was destroyed while landing and a further general purpose plane was shot down.

### 15 'Planes Captured

These enemy losses are additional to 15 Italian aircraft captured near Sollum.

There were no British losses during these Western Desert operations.

In Southern Albania, Durazzo was heavily raided despite bad weather. Heavy explosions were caused in the dock areas. Again British aircraft returned safely.

Gura and Asmara in Italian East Africa were raided during Sunday night. At the former place a large fire was started. Enemy fighters damaged an R.A.F. bomber which, however, managed to return to British territory. At Asmara, a factory and a transport park were bombed. Enemy bombers raided Port Sudan four times but no damage was caused either to R.A.F. property or personnel.—Reuter.

## DAYLIGHT RAIDS ON INVASION PORTS

HEAVY EXPLOSIONS ON THE FRENCH COAST WERE HEARD IN BRITAIN NEAR THE STRAITS OF DOVER YESTERDAY.

Apparently the R.A.F. was making another daylight raid on German-occupied ports.—Reuter.

## Under Guard Of Cockney Privates!

(From Reuter's Special Correspondent Outside Sollum)

**I HAVE JUST WATCHED 8,000 Italian soldiers, officers, non-commissioned officers and men, marching down "Victory Avenue" through Egypt.**

But they marched as prisoners, every two or three hundred of them being guarded by a single cheerful Cockney private, and the Victory Avenue down which they marched was the road between Sollum and Sidi Barrani, which Marshal Graziani has been building for several months past.

The road, which will now be a nice present for the Egyptians, would have cost at least £60,000 to build.

A fantastic sight met our eyes as our car came over rising ground near Bug Bug.

We saw the entire valley shrouded with clouds of dust through which the evening sun glowed, while from the dust emerged a seemingly endless stream of dark-green uniformed figures, with khaki-clad British soldiers marching smartly at their side.

The Italians were chatting, laughing and smoking, apparently completely heedless of the fact that the whole illusion created by Fascist propaganda had been swept aside in a single week.

The "Victory Way" to Sidi Barrani, a typical straight Roman road, whose rapid construction was a considerable engineering feat, bears many signs of this propaganda.

### Mussolini Stones

All along the road are stones erected in honour of Mussolini, and at the Barrani end is a memorial, put up even before the road was finished, recording that "The 12th Artillery Company, in the face of the malice of the enemy, the burning sun and biting wind, made this road to link-together the sands of Egypt and Libya."

Though not yet asphalted the road forms a useful line of communication for the British forces advancing into Libya. There is hardly anything at Bug Bug itself—just a solitary house and a series of Italian water tanks, now guarded by British sentries distributing water to prisoners as they stream through.

### More Prisoners

Several more thousand prisoners had been gathered round the water tanks last night. An infantry major was in charge of arrangements for feeding them.

While we were talking to him an Italian officer came up, saluted and asked for transport

for a medical officer to take seven wounded men to hospital.

The major fixed him up with a lorry which the Italian doctor was allowed to drive himself.

Meanwhile the crashing of bombs and the roar of anti-aircraft guns had been making Bardia look like Hamm when the R.A.F. are having a busy night.

### Firework Display

From a height on the coast east of Sollum I watched the hottest firework display of flaming onions, A.A. fire and bombs I have seen in this part of the world.

It was all part of the R.A.F.'s encouragement to the Italians at Bardia to capitulate rapidly.

Only reply by the Italians was to send a small number of lone bombers to harass the British troops.—Reuter.

## TERRIBLE TOLL OF SHANGHAI POOR

A terrible toll has been taken among Shanghai's poor and destitute, according to statistics compiled by the Shanghai Benevolent Society. The statistics reveal that during the past eleven and a half months 29,000 persons have died on Shanghai's streets and that 20,000 were children.—Central News.

### WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that an intense anticyclone covers China and the neighbouring seas. A depression is moving eastward across central Japan.

Pressure remains relatively low between the Visaya and Caroline Islands.

## AMERICAN EAGLE CLUB

A club for Americans serving with the British forces was opened in London yesterday afternoon. It will be known as the "American Eagle Club."

General W. H. Hays, an American, who spoke at the opening, said that Americans in Britain were in the forefront of the greatest crisis the world had ever faced.

They had seen the British people display indomitable courage.

The chairman of the club said that the large number of Americans serving with the British forces represented a very fine example of men—that of men who risked their lives not only for their own country but also for that of their friend.—Reuter.

# TREMENDOUS IMPETUS OF BRITISH ADVANCE

**THE BRITISH advance continues and with tremendous impetus British troops have penetrated the Libyan frontier driving the enemy from Egyptian soil.**

The almost incredible speed of the advance may have given the impression that the Italians are not resisting. This is not true.

The divisions captured in all stages were taken owing to the superb leadership of the Imperial Command.

The enemy had no time and no chance to offer resistance, but reliable reports from wounded who have been fighting near the Egyptian frontier go to show that the Italians who had ample time to prepare defences have been fighting with the greatest bravery.

The capture of "Hell-fire Pass," one of the key-points of Italian resistance, against fierce enemy fire was an operation

## DUKE OF WINDSOR ON AMBASSADORSHIP

The Duke of Windsor told a press conference at Miami, Florida, yesterday that he had not asked for the appointment as successor to Lord Lothian, the late British Ambassador to Washington.

"I would certainly accept it if I thought it to be to the best interests of the two countries," he added.

The Duke and Duchess of Windsor left for Nassau at 10 o'clock last night in the yacht "Southern Cross."—Reuter.

which largely contributed to the latest British successes.

### Withering Fire

Here the enemy, in cunningly prepared machine-gun posts in the side of the escarpment, held a tactical advantage. They poured a withering fire into our advance units.

At the same time our mechanised forces roared on, battering down the wire fence marking the frontier and forging ahead. After some very grim fighting they silenced the guns of Fort Capuzzo.

Much of the credit for the success of the offensive must go to our advanced mechanised units, composed of a famous cavalry regiment, which have been operating unceasingly day and night in the Western Desert for the last five years and know every inch of the ground.

Significant point, in the opinion of high military experts at G.H.Q., is the capture of a number of enemy aircraft on the ground.

This is held to denote: Firstly, the shortage of aeroplane fuel;

### Significant Capture

Secondly, the formidable swiftness of the attack by advanced units;

Thirdly, the terrible weather turning aerodromes into mud and making taking off difficult and even impossible.—Reuter.



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# SPEED-UP OF U.S. WAR PRODUCTION DEMANDED

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## Newspapers Reflect Concern

**THE URGENT NEED OF SPEEDING UP AMERICAN WAR PRODUCTION AND GRANTING BRITAIN INCREASING AND MORE RAPID AID HAVE BECOME PARAMOUNT QUESTIONS IN WASHINGTON.**

President Roosevelt, back at the White House after returning from his West Indies tour, was greeted by newspaper headlines reflecting the grave concern over the position and stressing the "terrible urgency of the situation."

Latest development yesterday was a reported statement by Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of Treasury, to the House of Representatives appropriations committee to the effect that Sir Frederick Phillips had told him England could make no more commitments for the purchase of war materials in the United States unless financial aid was extended.

Mr. Morgenthau is said to have repeated the statement which he has already made on other occasions, that he believed the United States would not extend loans or credits unless Congress modified or repealed the Johnson Act.

He left his hearers with the impression that such a decision was entirely up to Congress.

### Factual Analysis

Mr. Morgenthau is reported to have made a factual analysis of Britain's needs without, however, making any recommendations.

Concurrently came a report that Mr. Cordell Hull told members of the United States Defence Commission and other Government officials that Britain would probably face a serious crisis in the Spring unless the present delivery schedules of United States war supplies were considerably increased.

He is understood to have urged all speed possible in producing planes and other supplies. At the same time, it is learned that the shipping situation is being examined to determine whether additional merchantmen might be available for sending supplies to Britain.

### Call To Action

The "Washington Post," in a double-column leader under the heading "Call to action," declares all the President's vast reserves of vitality will be drawn upon to cope with problems of national defence.

Turning to the question of financial aid, the newspaper suggests that, apart from repealing the Johnson Act there are many ways of assisting, including paying more than market value for raw materials from the Empire, buying consumer interest in the sources of those materials and buying an equity interest in British oil and other holdings in the Western Hemisphere.—*Reuter.*

## ITALIAN PRISONERS FOR INDIA

It was revealed in New Delhi yesterday that Britain is to send Italian prisoners taken in the Western Desert operations to India.

An announcement says that internment camps are being prepared in India for the reception of at least 20,000 Italians from the Western Desert.

The Italian prisoners, it was added, are expected to be taken to India soon.—*Reuter.*

## BRITISH PLANES BLAMED FOR BASLE BOMBING

British planes are mentioned as being responsible for the bombing of Basle on Monday night in a statement issued by the semi-official Swiss agency yesterday.

According to latest information 16 bombs were dropped, mostly around the railway station at 11.05 p.m.—*Reuter.*

## POOR OLD JOE MISSES HIS OPPORTUNITY

(By *Reuter's* Chief Diplomatic Correspondent)

**JOSEPH GOEBBELS, the Nazi Propaganda Minister, seems to have made up his mind that British victories do not exist except in their imagination — that the Italians are fighting magnificently — that Britain is spreading these claims to buttress her failing morale — and that the Italians are as united round the Duce as the Nazis round Hitler. All the rest is lies.**

Goebbels has missed his opportunity. He certainly could have found much consolation in the thought that Allied victories in Africa were largely due to the fact that the British used German methods.

The strategy employed at Sidi Barrani, Sollum and Fort Capuzzo, and which now menaces Bardia, was the strategy that was so successful in Poland and on the Meuse.

But there is one great difference: in General Wavell's lightning moves compared with those of the Germans — Britain holds the mastery of the seas.

There would have been no Dunkirk if the positions had been reversed. It would have been 100 per cent. victory and not a man would have escaped.

### Entire Force Captured

At Sidi Barrani, notwithstanding the proportionately small force of British engaged, everybody east of the hammer blow to the coast was captured.

The process was repeated with equal success without the element of surprise at Sollum.

Despite the long trek of 180 miles, sandstorms and lengthened communications, it will be surprising if General Wavell is not able to go on repeating the process because he has achieved complete ascendancy in the air, and with Sollum in his possession, the possibility of sea transport of supplies becomes practicable.

### Serious Concern

The Italians are reported to be throwing into Libya every avail-

able aircraft in order to restore the balance, but they will have difficulty in replenishing their fuel supplies.

The very vehemence of the Italian and German denials confirms the impression that there is serious concern in Rome and Berlin for the fate of all Italy's legions across the waves, whether in Libya, Ethiopia and Albania, or the Dodecanese.

### Political Effect

The political effect of the Italian defeat, which is by no means yet completed, has had and will have tremendous repercussions reverberating through Asia — from Japan, China and India and the Arab world — through Africa, and not only through Europe but in Germany itself.

It will influence future strategy which is as much political as military. It makes Hitler's problems far graver.

What can he do and what will he do? This must be left for future discussion.—*Reuter.*

### S.S.P. NOT D.S.P.

The style of the police post of Divisional Superintendent is to be changed to Senior Superintendent of Police, by resolution to be submitted in Legislative Council tomorrow.

## REPLY TO RICE DEALERS ARGUE PEACE FEELERS

**"The British Government could never accept any arrangement having the effect of perpetuating the German domination of Europe.**

"The British Government is resolutely determined to do all in their power to deliver the nations now under the heel of Germany from that yoke and restore their former independence and prosperity."

So declared Lord Snell in the House of Lords yesterday, replying to a request by Lord Noel Buxton for a Government statement in regard to any suggestions purporting to be aimed at peace terms which had been made to Britain by the German Government since Italy's entry into the war.

Lord Snell recalled the statement by the late Lord Tryon on Nov. 20 that during recent years Germany had frequently suggested she would be happy to maintain good relations with Britain provided Germany was given a free hand in Europe. The British Government had never been prepared to discuss such an arrangement since it could only be at the expense of our former French ally and other free European countries which at present are Britain's allies.

Lord Snell added that more ser-

"IF THE RICE RATES FIXED BY THE CONTROLLER OF FOOD WERE BELOW COST PRICE, WHY DID YOU NOT TAKE STEPS TO INFORM THE AUTHORITIES?" ASKED MR. NG CHAK-WA, VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG CHINESE GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AT AN EMERGENCY MEETING HELD LAST EVENING TO DISCUSS CONDITIONS IN THE RICE MARKET.

This question was asked following an explanation offered by a representative of the Chinese Rice Dealers' Association that the rise in the price of rice was due to the lack of shipments from abroad, and that the rates fixed by Government were in some cases a dollar below cost price, which, he said, explained why second grade rice had to be sold as first grade.

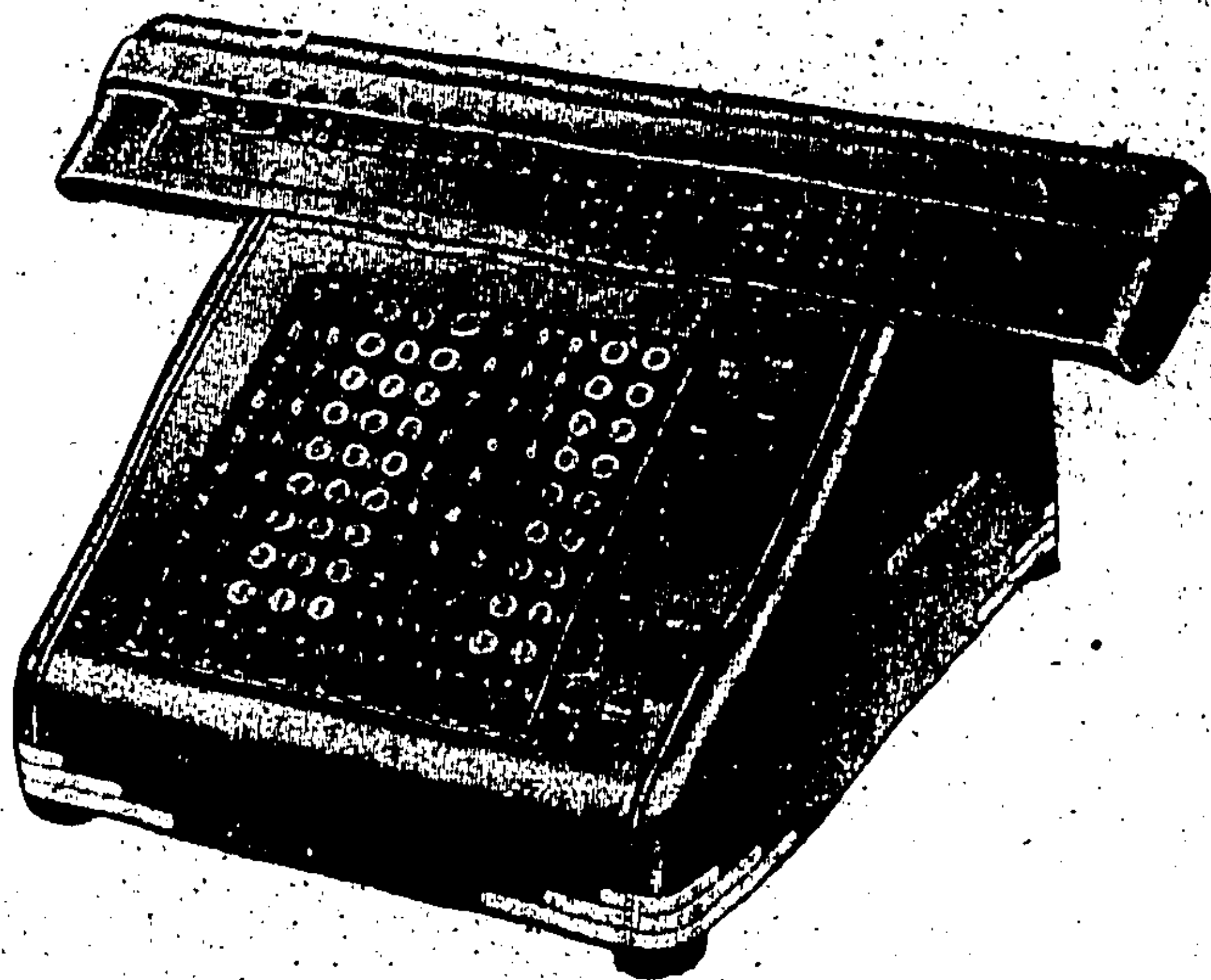
It was decided that representatives of rice dealers and importers seek an interview with the Controller of Food to-day to discuss the rice situation.

ious suggestions to this effect from the Germans were naturally made prior to the outbreak of war.

From time to time there had been indications that Germany was prepared to renew these suggestions but they were not sufficiently authoritative to justify any statement by the British Government.—*Reuter.*

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# LAVAL'S DISMISSAL: VICHY HOPING FOR A SEPARATE PEACE

THOUGH INTERNAL policy is believed to be the chief cause of the dismissal of Pierre Laval, reports from Vichy fail entirely to clarify the reasons.

It is probable, however, that Laval's efforts to make Marshal Petain a pliant tool for his pro-German policy encountered increasingly stubborn resistance which was fortified by the changed situation in the Mediterranean.

It is reported that Laval last week laid far-reaching proposals for internal reform before the Vichy Cabinet, together with a new German peace offer, both of which were rejected.

Marshal Petain is reported to have summoned Pierre-Etienne Flandin after this. This latter is held to be anxious to adopt a more dignified policy than Laval, and it is thought he would never consent to placing French colonial bases at the disposal of Germany.

Nevertheless Britain's Mediterranean successes have revived hopes among the group of which Admiral Darlan is leader that a separate peace between France and Germany may be concluded.

## Grounds For Hope

Grounds for the hopes are that Italy has been so greatly weakened that Germany may now be able to persuade her to renounce most of her claims against France.

The rock on which the earlier Franco-German negotiations came to grief might thus be removed.

Owing to the complete failure of Laval's policy, Flandin is bound to move cautiously in the direction of such a policy.

## Nazis Not Satisfied

The fact that Otto Abetz, the Nazi Ambassador to France, has gone to Vichy suggests that Germany is not entirely satisfied with Flandin's nomination, and indeed it is rumoured that Germany may feel obliged to send troops to occupy Lyons.

Reports from Italy show increasing confusion and uneasiness concerning the war situation.

Example is the rumour current in Italy that Marshal Badoglio and other generals have been executed for treachery.—Reuter.

## A.F.S. MAN BOUND OVER

Tam Kwan-kuk, 26, described as Auxiliary Fireman No. 13, was charged before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C. this morning, with assaulting tram conductor Lau Sal-kee on tramcar No. 13, in Hennessy Road yesterday.

It was alleged that defendant struck the conductor with his fist when asked for the fare.

Defendant was ordered to pay \$10 compensation and bound over to be of good behaviour for six months.

## PEAK BURGLARY

Charged with burglary at No. 32, The Peak, the residence of Mr. J. Hart-Davis, early yesterday morning two Chinese, Ip Ming, 28, and Li Chung, 28, were remanded for 48 hours by Mr. K. M. A. Barnett this morning.

It was alleged that the accused broke into the house and stole a brown tweed jacket and a pair of grey flannel trousers.

Sergeant G. W. Willerton is in charge of the case.

## ABETZ TALK WITH PETAIN

A NEW YORK MESSAGE SAYS THAT HERR ABETZ, THE NAZI AMBASSADOR TO PARIS, HAD A THREE-HOUR TALK WITH MARSHAL PETAIN IN VICHY YESTERDAY AND LATER LUNCED WITH THE VICHY CABINET.

Reports from Vichy emphasise the important results expected in some quarters to follow the visit.

It is thought that in his three-hour talk with Marshal Petain, Abetz sought to enlist Vichy's support against Britain, now that Italy is so serious a liability to Berlin.—Reuter.

## DAILY WAR BILL

BRITAIN'S DAILY WAR EXPENDITURE LAST WEEK WAS £11,400,000.

This was a drop of more than £400,000 over the previous week's expenditure.—Reuter.

## FILMO CAMERA FILCHED

Acting Sub-Inspector Kelly, of the Hong Kong Police Force, has reported the theft of a Filmo camera, valued at \$250, from his residence, No. 174, Prince Edward

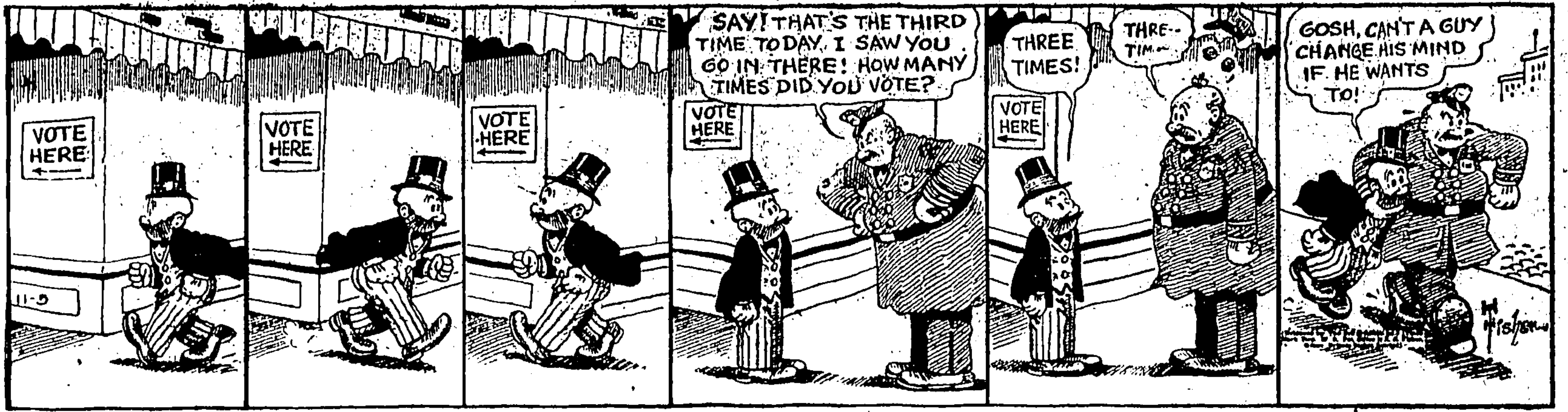
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## VOLUNTEER SENT TO PRISON

CLEVELAND TAM, ALIAS TAM YING-CHOI, 19, DESCRIBED AS A SALESMAN, WAS CHARGED BEFORE MR. G. T. LOWRY THIS MORNING, WITH STEALING THREE SUITS OF OVERALLS FROM THE HONG KONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS HEADQUARTERS.

According to Sergeant Cullinan, the watchman at the H.K. D.V.C. Headquarters noticed that a large number of overalls were disappearing since last month. A trap was set by leaving one suit of overalls inside the kitchen.

At about 12.30 p.m. on Monday, defendant was seen to enter the kitchen and come out a few minutes later. The watchman found the suit of overalls had disappeared and hidden under his clothing was the pair of overalls.

Defendant was alleged to have been responsible for the theft of nine other suits of overalls, valued at \$78. These were pawned in the Wanchai district.

Sergt. Cullinan added that defendant was a member of the 3rd Battery, H.K.V.D.C. Sentence of three months' hard labour was imposed.

## CO-ORDINATION OF COLONIAL PRODUCTION

ECONOMIC AGREEMENTS have just been negotiated with Free French Colonies in Africa and with the Belgian Congo.

These facts were mentioned in the House of Lords by Lord Lloyd, Colonial Secretary, as some of the many steps taken in the organisation of the vast scheme for co-ordinating colonial production, not merely between British and Allied Colonies but more especially among the British Colonies themselves.

As to the Dutch East Indies, the Governor of the Straits Settlements had been authorised to undertake direct discussions with the Netherlands authorities when over these are required.

The British and the Netherlands Governments were so impressed with the necessity of maintaining full liaison that they have formed a joint Anglo-Netherlands Committee on economic matters.

Many of the problems that effect the colonies concern to an equal extent a large number of other countries which are not colonies. It would be useless, for example, to try and place cocoa or coffee in future in the Crown Colonies unless we take into con-

sideration the interests of Brazil and other South-American countries and the interests similarly concerned with coffee, etc., etc.

### Ups And Downs

Lord Lloyd mentioned some of the Colonial economic ups and downs as a result of war conditions.

Ceylon has lost a small copra market but was doing well on tea, rubber and plumbago. Malaya which lost part of its copra market is abounding with rubber and tin.

Hong Kong was doing pretty well in its general entrepot shipping, etc.

Palestine was in some difficulties over citrus exports on account of lack of shipping. The sugar colonies in the West Indies were quite comfortable. Trinidad was doing well with oil and British Guiana with bauxite.

In all cases of hardship, we have found and are finding financial means in saving the colonies from grave suffering. Realising the weight of the war impact, the colonies are getting on extraordinarily well, said Lord Lloyd.—Reuter.

## REVOLVER SEIZURE

Four months' hard labour was imposed by Mr. G. T. Lowry this morning, on Lee Yiu, 50, for possession of a revolver without a licence.

Detective Sergeant T. Cashman raided defendant's premises, No. 74, Stanley Street, second floor, on Saturday and found the revolver inside defendant's cubicle.

The revolver was ordered to be confiscated.

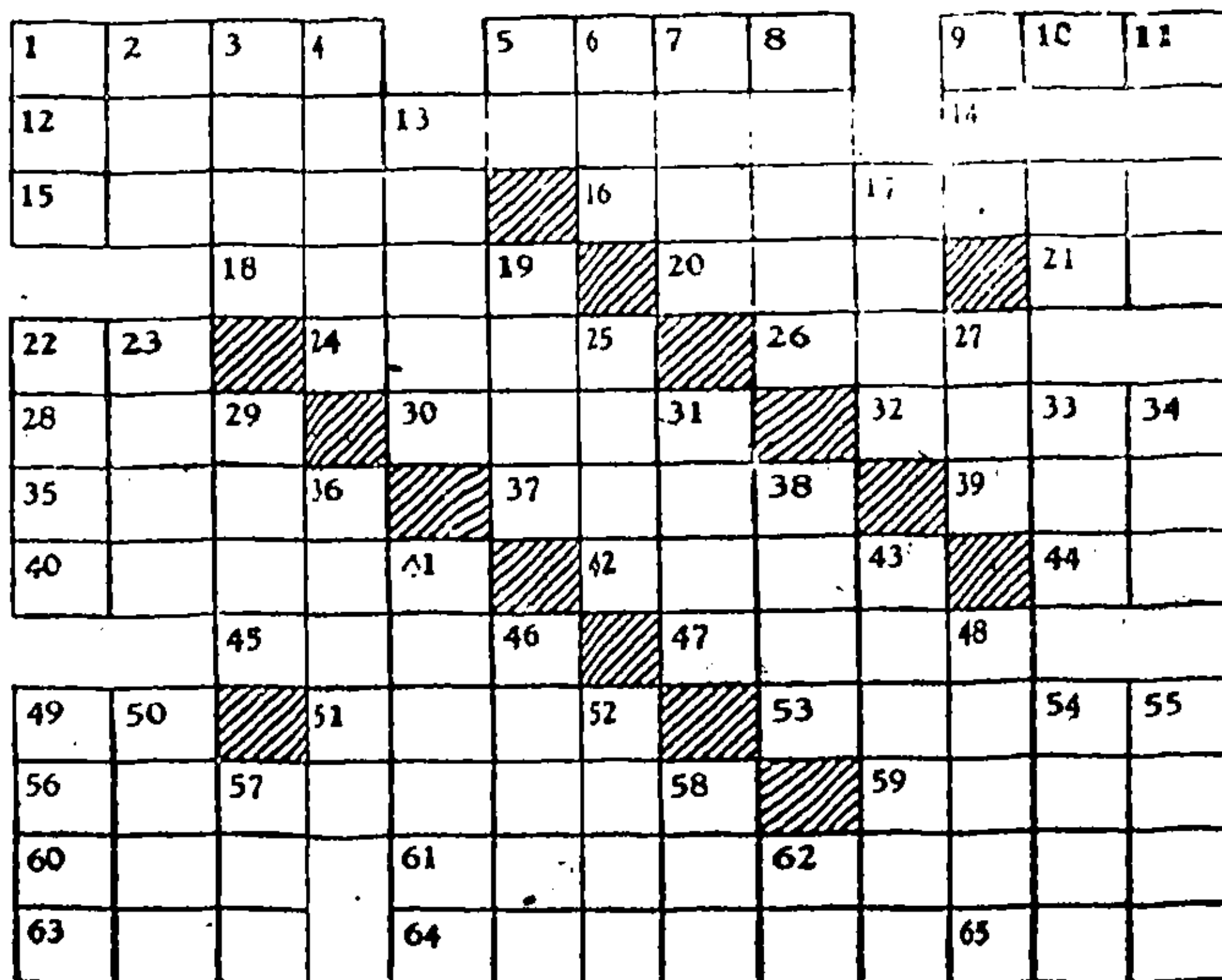
### Ex-Bodyguard's Rifle

Before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning, Yim Sang, 29, room boy, was fined \$10 for possession of a 22 automatic rifle without a licence.

The rifle was found in accused's room in the Wo Ping Boarding House, Nathan Road, by the police yesterday. Accused, who was formerly a body guard, had had the rifle in his possession for about 18 months.

The rifle was ordered to be confiscated.

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- 5 Land measure
- 9 Golfer's mound
- 12 One who exercises power by virtue of his wealth
- 14 Grampus
- 15 Sportive child
- 16 City in Wisconsin
- 18 Voyage
- 20 By
- 21 Toward
- 22 Exclamation
- 24 Ere long
- 26 To tear
- 28 Unit of work
- 30 To require
- 32 To satisfy
- 35 Page
- 37 Implement
- 38 Used to be
- 40 French city
- 42 Builder of the ark
- 44 While
- 45 Band worn around waist
- 47 Old English coin
- 49 Siberian river

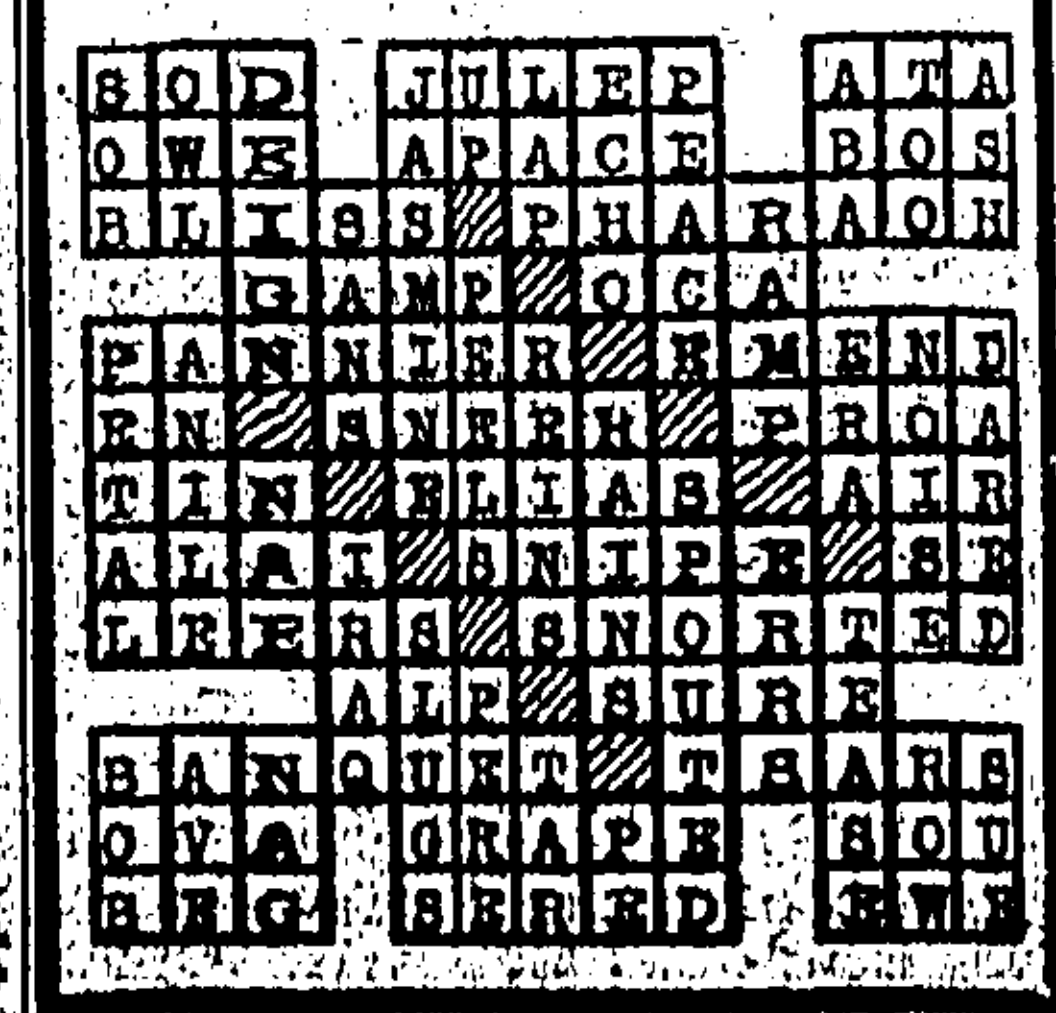
#### VERTICAL

- 1 Poetic to unclose
- 2 Completely
- 3 Clump
- 4 Mixes
- 5 Symbol for actinium
- 6 Ancient tribal tax
- 7 To grate
- 8 Anaesthetic
- 9 Overly
- 10 Poetic; formerly
- 11 Imitation
- 13 Vegetable

#### 17 Malaysian dagger

- 18 Versifier
- 22 Cry for succour
- 23 Plane surface
- 25 Gaseous element
- 27 Animal's foot
- 29 Attire
- 31 Movable barrier
- 33 Japanese pagoda
- 34 Worm
- 36 Open expanse
- 38 Nonprofessional
- 41 Slumbers
- 43 Sultan's wives
- 46 Dogma
- 48 Ancient language
- 49 Malevolent giant
- 50 To dip but
- 52 To ascend
- 54 Breathing organ
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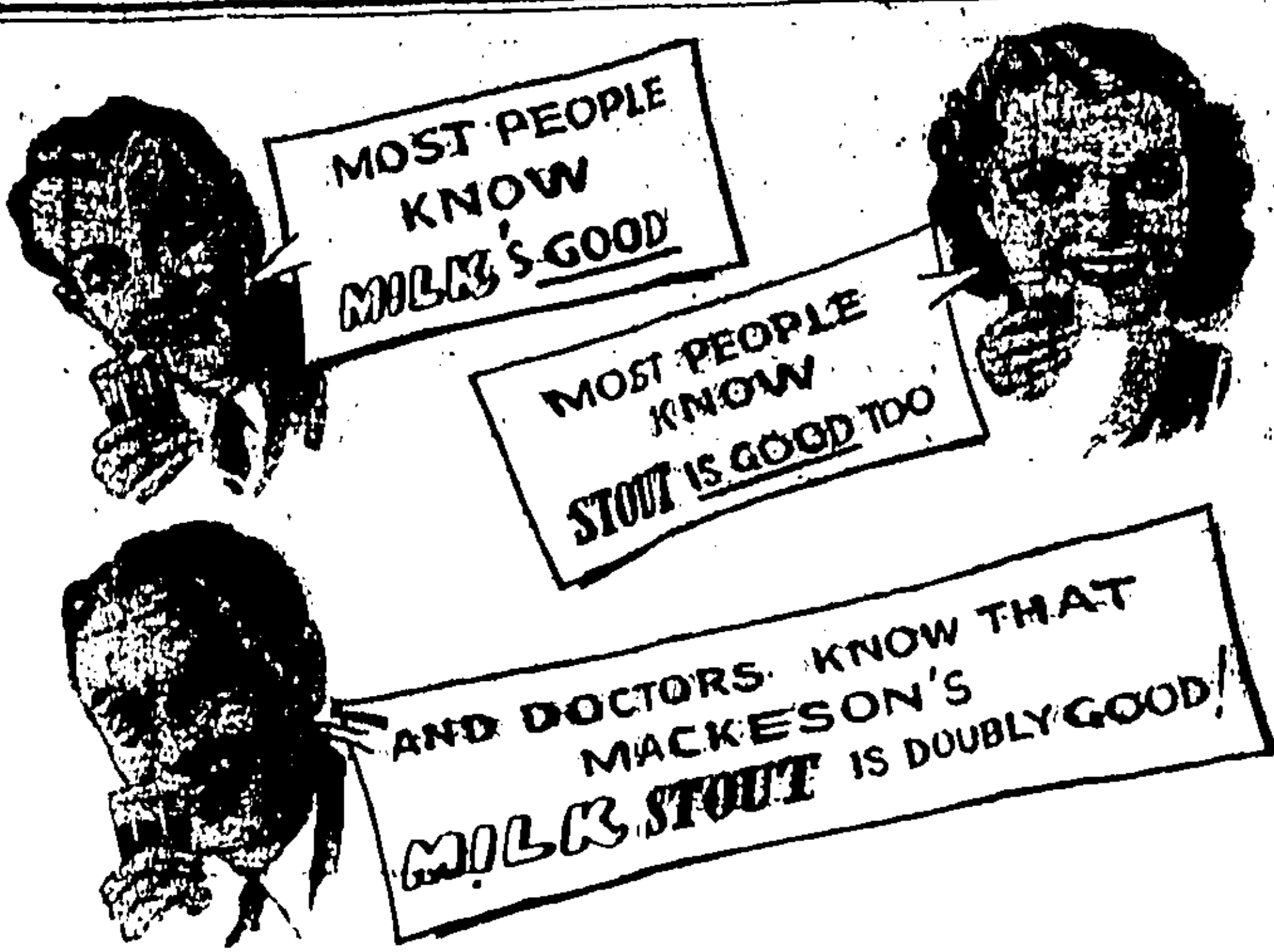
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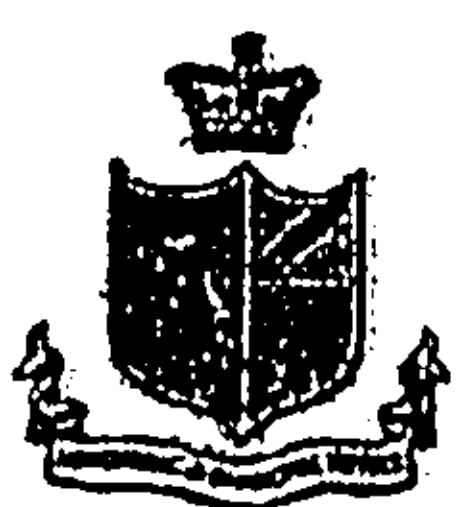




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**PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT ANNOUNCED IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY THAT HE WILL ASK THE NEXT CONGRESS TO ENACT A PLAN ENABLING THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO TAKE FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL FUTURE BRITISH WAR ORDERS, RELEASING WAR GOODS TO BRITAIN AS NEEDS REQUIRE.**

The President told his press conference that such a plan would obviate the need for repeal of the Johnson or Neutrality Acts, forbidding loans to indebted or belligerent nations, respectively.

The Government would lease or loan munitions, guns, planes, ships and other supplies to Britain, possibly with some under-termined security or mortgage, the British to return the goods in kind after the war.

What security the Government would get, if any, the President did not say.

He said the plan would go to Congress soon after it convenes on January 3. Earlier action was precluded, he added, because of the time required by Washington and London experts to work out details.

### Best Defence

The President said that in the present world situation the overwhelming majority of the American people would not doubt that the best defence of the United States was to supply Britain with what she needs to defend herself. President Roosevelt hinted that the programme may involve the transport of goods to Britain in American ships manned by foreign crews.

President Roosevelt said that the plan is still being studied from the legal viewpoint. Whether the title to the planes, guns and ships which might be sent to Britain under the plan would remain with the United States or be vested in the British was a legal problem, but the President indicated that this was a mere detail incidental to the main intention to assure Britain of a continuation of the flow of supplies.

The President made it clear that the whole matter is to be handled on the basis that it is necessary to assist the British in the war as a means of protecting the United States.

Referring to the question of speeding-up domestic production, the President said that British orders were a good means of obtaining the necessary expansion.

### Latest Phase

While legislation will undoubtedly be necessary, he said that his plan—which he described as "the latest phase of the programme to give England all aid short of war"—would not repeal the Neutrality Act.

Declaring that he had read "a great deal of nonsense" recently about financial aid to Britain, President Roosevelt said that within the memory of man no major war had ever been won or lost through a lack of money.

He criticised the idea that money in the bank was necessary to win this war. The President described as narrow-minded the view that the only way to assist Britain was to re-

peal laws so that money could be lent to Britain to spend in the United States.

He said that outright cash gifts might come but he was not at all sure they were necessary.

### Tremendous Asset

The President said that orders from Britain were a tremendous asset, because they resulted in creating additional facilities for factories, munition works and shipyards.

He added that the new plan had been under consideration for three or four weeks, and it was one of several that might be devised.

Because British orders are essentially for the same kind of munitions as used by the American forces, it is possible to convert them into American orders.

President Roosevelt said:—"We have enough money for that."

He expressed the belief that Britain will be able to pay for orders already given in the United States and the new arrangements need apply only to future contracts. — Reuter.

## NAME PLATE THIEF CAUGHT

Charged with attempting to steal a brass name plate from the Nanking Commercial and Savings Bank, No. 65, Connaught Road Central, and with possession of an instrument fit for an unlawful purpose, Li Sze-wai, 29, was sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. G. T. Lowry this morning.

Acting Sub-Inspector Byron said defendant was seen at about 5.50 a.m. yesterday at the entrance of the Bank.

When a detective approached he started to run but was chased and caught. At the bank, the brass name plate was found to be hanging by one screw on the door. A pair of pliers was found in defendant's pocket.

## DEATH OF CHINESE PLAYWRIGHT

Death occurred in Chungking yesterday of Mr. Shen Si-ling, well-known Chinese playwright, who succumbed to typhoid fever. He wrote several popular plays which were made into films. Two of his best known pictures are "Children of China" and "Within One Year." — Central News.

## 'MOSQUITO' FLEET FOR U.S.A.

America's new "mosquito" boat fleet could be transported in warships, specially constructed to carry them, to points where they might be needed to operate in an emergency.

This plan is being considered and if it were put into operation would open up a new phase in naval warfare.

To decide the type of "mosquito" craft most suitable for the United States navy, the Navy Department offered prizes of 15,000 dollars (£3,750) each for designs for a 50ft. motor torpedo boat, an 81ft. motor torpedo boat, and 110ft. and 165ft. submarine chasers. All these new craft are to be known as "P" boats.

Four of the 59ft. class have been delivered and reached a speed of 40 knots. They are equipped with two 12 cylinder, 1200 horse-power petrol engines.

### British Designs

Four of the 81ft. class are building, and it is reported that at least one is constructed of aluminium alloy.

All these types cost between £21,000 and £24,600 each. Two of the 110ft. submarine chasers costing £48,000 each are on order.

The largest type, a 165ft. submarine chaser, in building at a cost of about 1,225,000 dollars (£306,250). She is an all-welded steel craft and is intended for patrol work as well as anti-submarine service. The speed is understood to be about 22 knots.

In addition, 23 vessels are on order to be arranged by Mr. Hubert Scott-Paine, the British "mosquito" boat designer.

These vessels are 70ft. long with three petrol engines giving a maximum of 4050 horse-power. Twelve are being completed as motor-torpedo boats and the rest as submarine chasers without torpedo tubes.

All of the 59ft., 70ft. and 81ft. craft, totalling 32, are to be completed within the next four or five months.

## DOCTOR SUMMONED

Dr. Chan Shui-ye of No. 1, Nam Kok Road, was summoned before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C. this morning for giving a certificate of vaccination to Lau Tung on November 15, where as he did not perform the operation himself.

Not being a registered medical practitioner, or a public vaccinator, Wong Sheung-hing, of the same address, was summoned for vaccinating Lau Tung at the Tung Fong Boarding house, No. 137, Connaught Road Central.

Mr. H. A. de B. Botelho is representing both defendants.

Hearing was fixed for January 6.

Hung Ping-kan, of No. 652, Nathan Road, has reported that a quantity of clothing valued at \$43, was stolen from his residence yesterday.



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## FINANCING "ALL AID"

The late Lord Lothian, on stepping from his returning plane at LaGuardia Airport at the end of last month, with one brief and simple statement frankly raised a problem which every one knew to exist, which in any event had to be faced sooner or later.

The United States is dedicated to the policy of all aid to Britain short of war. But so far it has not relieved the British of the necessity of paying cash on the barrel head for every item of material aid which they have got from the United States. It has been a policy of all aid on a strictly cash basis. And, as Lord Lothian observed, the cash is running out. The gold and securities, which are their only means of making cash payments, will be used up "before long"; some time in the coming year "other means of payment will have to be found" unless the Americans are suddenly to dry up the stream of supplies.

For it is important to realise that this problem of payment is not simply a British problem; it is an American problem. The maintenance of that stream of supplies is vital to the United States—only less vital than it is to Great Britain—and it is folly to suppose that the U.S. could bring it to an end merely because Britain was no longer able to pay a cash profit for the privilege of fighting a battle the Americans have now deeply realised to be their own. As the "New York Times" said the other day, it is not for Americans to wait on British pleas; it is for Americans themselves to decide how they are to meet the financial necessities of American policy to which they are committed.

The immediate stop-gap solution would be to throw American credit resources open in the same way that American industrial resources are now open. Only two legal barriers stand in the way—the Johnson act and the financial provisions of the neutrality act. Neither has much application to the present situation. The first was primarily an attempt to collect the old World War debts—a dead issue now, and one which is certainly not going to paralyse the British war effort and so deliver the world to Hitler. The second enactment sprang mainly from the idea of preventing the nation's being "dragged" thoughtlessly or unintentionally into war by the creation of a financial interest in one side. Nothing of that kind is now involved. The policy of "all aid" was not adopted for financial reasons; it was forced upon the American people as the one best way of preserving their democracy and their security in a world-shaking time, and it is incredible that this clause of the neutrality act should prevent their making that policy good. The clause itself, incidentally, has nothing to do with legal neutrality, which has never forbidden the supply of credit to a belligerent.

These two laws do not apply to the desperately practical problem which the exhaustion of British cash resources will produce. And to stop simply with the repeal of the Johnson act and the financial section of the neutrality act would be to take a dangerously narrow view of the real problem. Perhaps it would be something to permit Britain to borrow. But could private capital come anywhere near meeting the real needs? The real issue has been posed by Mrs. Roosevelt, wife of the President. Is it sensible to bequeath another insoluble war-debt problem to the ruined dawn of peace? The policy of "all aid" is not a policy of only such aid as Britain can beg or borrow—the money to pay for; it is now posed as a policy of all aid that the United States can give, because the United States has a vital interest in British survival. That means not only ships and planes, not only loans, but subsidies. In the financial as in every other field it means the broad view and the boldest action.

"In days to come," said the "Star" "historians may well describe the failure of the air offensive to destroy Britain's resistance this summer as one of the decisive battles of the world." That is a just estimate of the implications of the air war as it has developed since the surrender of France.

Hitler's High Command undoubtedly believed, after that deplorable event, that by using its air power to the full it could bring Britain to her knees with the same overwhelming rapidity which had caused the collapse of lesser enemies.

The complete failure to accomplish our destruction by this means—a fact now admitted in Axis circles and recognised with gratitude by the friends of Britain—is a positive and serious defeat for the enemy. What is

surprising is that the British people has taken this striking achievement with phlegmatic calm, as if it were a matter of course and not a glorious salvation which few people outside the British Isles thought possible.

Our victory should be noised abroad for all that it is worth in order to produce its full moral

By A.J. Cummings

effect in countries which are still doing reluctant obedience to the Nazis or are uncertain how to act until they are convinced that Germany is not a certain winner.

### Terror Bombing

Having, at least for the time being, abandoned his vain attempts to destroy the R.A.F.,

the enemy has turned openly and unashamedly to terror-bombing. This can only be done effectively at night, since in the daytime his bombers and fighters encounter R.A.F. pilots conscious of their superiority, and deliberately avoid direct combats. They slip through here and there, but always at hazard.

The nocturnal fury of the enemy bombers is still concentrated on London. Night after night hundreds of high explosive bombs and incendiaries are rained upon different parts of the Metropolitan area, for the most part at random, and apparently with the sole object of attacking civilian morale and so disintegrating the social and economic life of the capital.

### Military Objectives

In "total" warfare that is a military objective; indeed, nothing

ceases to be a military objective in total warfare, which is waged by the Germans to-day without mercy and without any regard for the so-called laws of international warfare.

As long as they are strong, and deem themselves secure from defeat, the Nazi leaders will continue to destroy private houses and private citizens indiscriminately. They will stop only when they are in danger of losing the war or discover that the morale of their own people is visibly weakening.

### British Bombers

Up to the present British bombing crews, carrying out what I know to be strict instructions, in accordance with a carefully devised strategic programme, have aimed only at specified military targets. The destruction of the great synthetic oil plant at Politz was a magnificent example of legitimate aerial bombardment.

But it would be foolish to pretend that when military targets are attacked in the heart of Berlin and in other great German towns the misses and near-misses do not affright and slay and wound large numbers of human beings who do not wear a soldier's uniform.



That is one of the inevitable horrors of war in the air. Air-parity between two great belligerent nations does nothing to diminish the horror. It serves only to equalise the casualties. I am afraid that, as the British bombing forces approach in numbers and then overtake those of the enemy, and carry their menace deeper still into enemy country, the civilian casualties on both sides will rise and this form of the conflict will develop into a ferocious war of naked reprisals.

### Hitler's Eastern Front

Other possibilities, of course, are the default of the German Air Force under increasing pressure or the diversion of large elements from Western to Eastern Europe. It is improbable that any large diversion will be made to Egypt. But in a war against Russia, or against Russia and Turkey combined, the German High Command would be compelled to transfer a very considerable proportion of her air power to the Eastern Front.

Is there the slightest chance that Germany will find herself at war with Russia before she has been able to settle her accounts with the British Empire? It is a fascinating speculation; and it is not altogether beyond the bounds of possibility in this strange and fluctuating conflict of mutual fears and rival ambitions.

### Two-Front War

But my own belief is that Germany, having at the beginning averted the peril of a two-front war, will not incur it now or at any time, even though the military might of France has melted away. British striking power grows stronger every day; and America is moving with ever increasing impetus to the verge of war.

marine's most dreaded foe because it not only can attack with bombs, but in many instances it can spot a submarine that is submerged at considerable depth. When a plane is sighted, the submarine dives and remains submerged until it feels sure the plane has departed.

So it would appear that arrangements should be made to provide convoys with aeroplane escorts which will afford protection against submarines and enemy aeroplanes, and also be a means for early detection of surface raiders.

Convoys to and from North America seem to be suffering the most from Nazi attacks. It is only some 1,800 miles from Newfoundland to Land's End, and modern flying boats at both ends of this route should have no difficulty in conducting patrols over this area.

What can be done is indicated by the fact that the United States Navy planes are flying daily from Southern New England to Nova Scotia, and back between morning and mid-afternoon. Planes can fly from San Diego to Panama or Pearl Harbour without stopping.

With performance of this kind there is no reason why the 1,800 miles between Newfoundland and Britain cannot be covered several times a day. If the weather is good, the planes can see the submarines for the most part; if the weather is too bad for flying, submarines are likewise concerned with looking after their own welfare.

## The Master And His Pupil



## Air Defence for Convoys

Britain may need to call upon its power in the air to redress the balance of its power on the seas.

Studying the intensified German attack upon British shipping leaves the inescapable conclusion that further adaptation of aeroplanes to convoy and general naval use holds a possible answer to Britain's shipping problem.

That problem is greater than in the World War, as has been made clear in previous articles.

### New Submarine

But the danger of the German attack lies not alone in the additional bases from which the Nazis are operating. There are two other significant reasons:

1. German submarines have adapted the "listening" devices used by surface craft to detect submarines. Equipped with these same devices, they are able to track ships and fire their torpedoes "blind" without exposing their periscopes.

2. Using torpedoes detonated by a device actuated magnetically, rather than by contact, the submarines no longer fear shallow-draft destroyers.

During daylight, a submarine on the surface can sight a ship when it is miles away, and long before

there is any chance of the submarine being seen from the ship. Previously when it became necessary for a submarine to submerge, it had to expose its periscope briefly from time to time

By Capt. Frederick L. Oliver

in order to plot its position with relation to the intended victim. Trained eyes, alert for the telltale wake a periscope makes, frequently were able to give an alarm in time to permit the submarine's attack being frustrated, and an attack being launched against the submarine.

With the new listening device it is unnecessary for a submarine to use its periscope. It not only tracks its target while completely submerged, but is able to aim torpedoes by the same means. At night the same device enables a submarine to detect and attack vessels that otherwise would have passed unseen.

The submarine does not show the same wholesome respect for the destroyer that it did during the World War, when the mere appearance of the latter on the horizon was usually sufficient to send the submarine scurrying

away. This change in procedure is entirely due to the development of the magnetic firing device for the torpedo.

In the World War the submarine had practically no means of attacking a destroyer, because the latter's small draft made it necessary for torpedoes to be set to run so close to the surface that, except in a smooth sea, they would break surface and run erratically. A torpedo advertising itself in this manner was an open invitation for the destroyer to charge down its wake to ram the submarine or shower it with depth bombs.

The advent of the magnetic firing device has entirely changed this state of affairs, and incidentally is responsible for the havoc torpedoes have wrought in this war, because they now explode directly under a ship instead of against its side where part of the force of the explosion would be dissipated in disturbing only water.

A submarine now can set its torpedo to run deep enough to prevent broaching, and yet be assured that when it runs under a destroyer, the magnetic device will cause it to detonate, and no aftermath of depth bombs will result. The aeroplane is the sub-

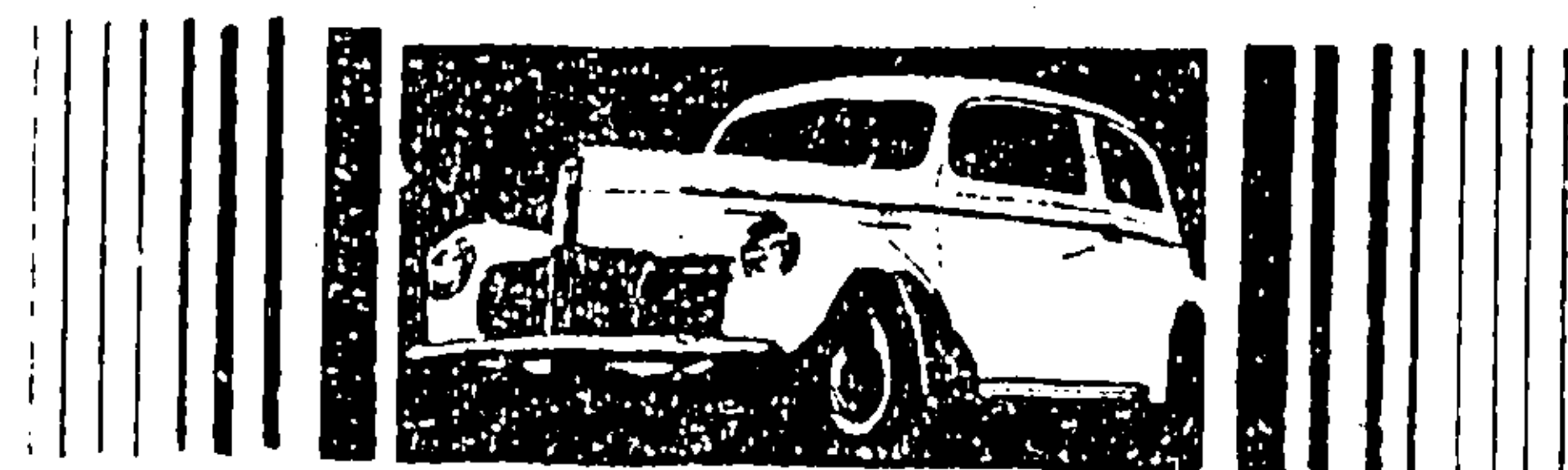


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## Final Stages Of Assault On Sollum

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent in the Western Desert, Now in Sollum).

BRITISH INFANTRY WERE YESTERDAY PREPARING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BIG PUSH ACROSS THE FRONTIER INTO LIBYA — THEY WERE WEARY BUT TRIUMPHANT WHEN THEY OCCUPIED SOLLUM ON MONDAY AFTER DAYS OF CHASING THE ITALIANS RIGHT OUT OF EGYPTIAN TERRITORY.

Sollum is only a tiny port, surrounded by a few white houses. Above the port is Upper Sollum, main feature of which is a large barracks belonging to the Egyptian army but long ago blown to pieces by British bombardments while the Italians were in occupation.

With a little group of British correspondents and one American, I have spent the last few days watching the final stages of our assault on Sollum, the tactics for which were just as well thought out as those at other points in the present campaign.

Sollum was first imperilled a week ago when the British armoured division, after dealing with a whole series of other objectives, came smashing through Bug Bug from Sidi Barrani so quickly that the whole Catanzaro Division, under General Giuseppe Amico, which had been happily en route to Sidi Barrani on normal relief duty, believing the war was miles away, was taken completely by surprise.

### Division Taken Prisoner

Majority of its men were taken prisoner and nearly all its material was left strewn along the sides of the road.

These British tanks swept up on Sollum while others were coming up across the escarpment from the interior.

A hail of fire was poured into the defenders of Sollum by the British tanks, while the R.A.F. continued their incessant bombings.

A slight check to the British forces occurred when some of the tanks became bogged in salt fields outside Sollum but this did not seriously hamper our offensive operations.

The British tanks dashed on to occupy coastal territory beyond Bardia, 30 miles or more inside Libya.

### Sollum Contained

While they did so, an infantry brigade moved up with instructions not to attack Sollum directly but to contain it, letting nobody escape.

By Sunday, the defenders of Sollum, alarmed at their precarious position, had moved up to the top of the escarpment, blowing up the road leading from Lower to Upper Sollum.

The British infantry pressed in on Sollum despite fire from the escarpment and occupied Lower Sollum without heavy casualties by Monday morning, and by the same afternoon the Italians on the escarpment had given up.

All arrangements to receive the fresh prisoners from Sollum were

## TOO CLEVER A.R.P.

A London business man who values his sleep has lately declined to follow his wife and family to the safety and discomfort of their air-raid shelter. He has made his bed nightly under the dining-room table. With the sideboard on one side and the wall on the other, he considered he had good enough protection against the collapse of his house.

The other night, however, he was awakened, so sharply by so loud an explosion that he sat up violently and knocked himself unconscious on the underside of the table.

completed on Monday at Bug Bug, where over 12,000 have already been fed and watered before passing on. — Reuter.

## PRESSURE ON BARDIA GRADUALLY INCREASING

FIGHTING IS NOW going on in the Bardia area where our pressure is increasing steadily as new troops arrive on the scene, said a Cairo communique issued yesterday evening.

The communique said that in addition to Sollum and Fort Capuzzo, several other important Italian posts had been taken.

On Monday night, Australian troops successfully engaged an enemy column by moonlight, capturing transport and guns.

In Northern Kenya, the end of the rainy season has enabled us to resume offensive patrolling on a considerable scale.

In the Sudan, the position is unchanged, the communique concluded.

In London, it is emphasised that the British forces are now over 180 miles from their railhead and this must be borne in mind when considering future operations.

It is believed in London military circles that the original idea behind sending troops into Libya on the Italian side of Sollum was to see that the Italian garrison at Bardia did not interfere with the action which led to the capture of Sollum and Fort Capuzzo.

The character of the operations now seems to have changed, as yesterday evening's communique mentions reinforcements arriving there and an increase in pressure. — Reuter.

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# DIFFICULT TO KEEP PACE WITH BRITISH ADVANCE

(By Reuter's Military Commentator)

THE SITUATION IN LIBYA is developing fast and presents new vistas to the British so rapidly that it is difficult to keep pace with events.

General Wavell's moderately phrased bulletins hardly convey the full sense of the magnitude of the Italian disasters.

## AUSSIES GOING INTO ACTION

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent at Advanced Headquarters)

The happiest people in the Western Desert to-day are the Australians. They are now coming into their own.

I spent to-day dashing along a desert road with some of these bronzed and enthusiastic soldiers whose only complaint about this war until now has been that they lacked a chance, as one lieutenant expressed it, "to show our folks that the Anzac of to-day is just as good as his father."

Now they have it.

The wave of enthusiasm these fresh troops are carrying with them into the desert is exactly the tonic needed by those troops who have been fighting continuously for the past 10 days and whose difficulties are naturally increasing as they penetrate further into enemy territory.

Some of the most cheerful Australians were riding to the front in five-ton lorries captured from the Italians, which had been overhauled and are proving a useful addition to the Australian force.

British troops gave them a special cheer as they passed. — Reuter.

## SUCCESS OF GREEK TACTICS

Richard Dimbleby, the BBC observer in Greece, has just completed an extensive tour of the front and reports that the secret of the Greek success is due to two main factors:—

Firstly, they give the Italians no rest; and

Secondly, if they do meet with any strong resistance, the Greeks split up into small bodies which converge on the Italians from different points, throwing them into a panic. — Reuter.

## MORE DESTROYERS FOR U.S.A.

The award of a contract for the construction of 40 additional destroyers at an estimated cost of over \$253,000,000 is announced by Colonel Frank Knox, U.S. Secretary of the Navy.

He also announces the award of contracts for the expansion of shipbuilding facilities at a cost of over \$8,000,000. — Reuter.

## SHA MAO SHAN RETAKEN

Shamaoshan, strategic hill in southern Hupeh, was recaptured on December 14 in a furious Chinese counter-attack which resulted in numerous Japanese casualties, according to a field dispatch from the Hupeh front. — Central News.

The Italians admit fighting is taking place round Bardia, which means the British troops must have swept round the Italian flank again behind the Italian rearwards at Fort Capuzzo and Sollum, and the Italian retreat is threatened, if not entirely cut off.

With the British capture of Bardia, which may be expected at any moment, the position of all Italian troops, supplies and transport, which must fill that 20 miles of road, is desperate.

They will all be captured, adding still further to the enormous tally of Italian supplies and equipment in British hands already.

### Problem For Cabinet

The problem which General Wavell and the British Cabinet now have to solve is how to make the most use of the great victory—can we destroy the Italian army in Libya and take over the whole colony?

It is impossible to decide that question on present information, beyond saying that all is possible.

Can Graziani assemble another army to seek to stay our advance or even to drive us back to the Egyptian border?

He will lose a tremendous number of men but he has lost more important things, namely prestige and morale.

### Confidence Destroyed

The confidence of the whole Italian army in Libya has disappeared and the enormous loss of stores and material must have most serious consequences on the remnants of his army, for none of these supplies can be replaced, as Graziani is severed from his main base by the British command of the sea.

Besides the very powerful aid which the Fleet can give by shelling and bombarding 1,100 miles of coastal road to Tripoli and intermediate ports, it can enormously aid General Wavell's question of supply by conveying ships into each harbour which falls into our hands as he advances.

### Not Tied Down

Unlike Graziani the British will not be tied to one road—Sollum is probably available as a supply base by sea to-day—to-morrow it may be Bardia, a few days hence Tobruk.

The movement northwards from Siwa on Tobruk may have a decisive effect on the next British operation—capture of that port.

Thereafter, the Italian demoralisation, their lack of supplies and our own difficulties of supply, of moving up fresh troops and giving the troops some well-needed rest so that at all times there will be sufficient troops within reach of the front to ensure inflicting defeat on the Italians should they show any stomach for further fighting—all these factors will undoubtedly influence General Wavell's plan. — Reuter.

## BRITAIN'S HOSPITALS CARRY ON

HIS MAJESTY THE KING YESTERDAY EXPRESSED HIS ADMIRATION FOR THE WAY IN WHICH HOSPITALS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY ARE CARRYING ON DURING THE AIR-RAIDS.

This message was read at the annual meeting of the King Edward Hospital Fund by the Duke of Kent, who said that the grants made by the Fund constituted a record.

The total amount distributed came to more than £10,000,000. — Reuter.

## PRISONERS "INSURED"

Prisoners of war in Germany are to be insured against accident, according to the German News Agency.

The indemnity is fixed on the basis of the cash allowance paid to the prisoners.

The Order is issued by the German Ministry of Labour, and it is probable that the accidents contemplated are those occurring when prisoners are at work.

## WOMEN SPOT RAIDERS

Spotting type of enemy planes is now a popular pastime among women in south-east coast towns.

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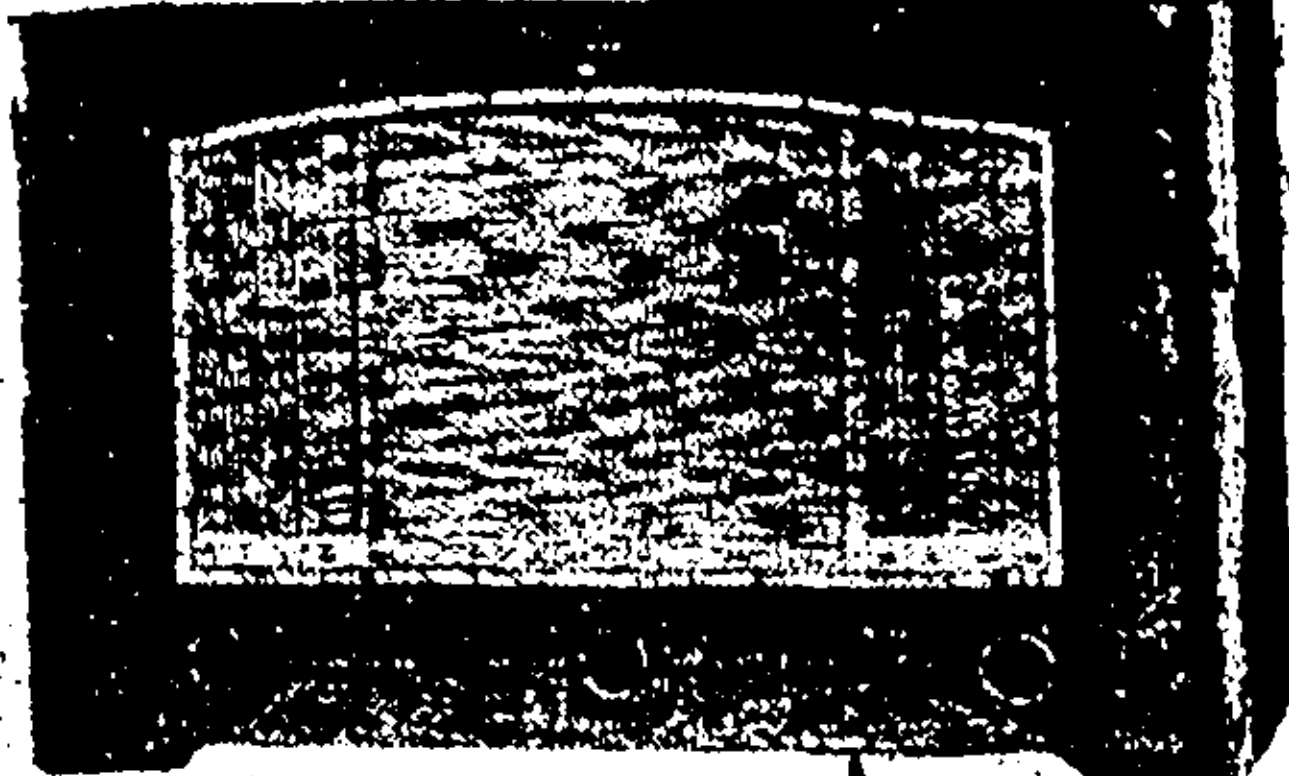
After months in the front line these women who have stayed in their seaside homes, have wholehearted contempt for Goering's airmen.

They watch anti-aircraft batteries blazing away and follow the progress of dogfights with the enthusiasm of football fans, and when an enemy plane comes hurtling down they cheer themselves hoarse.

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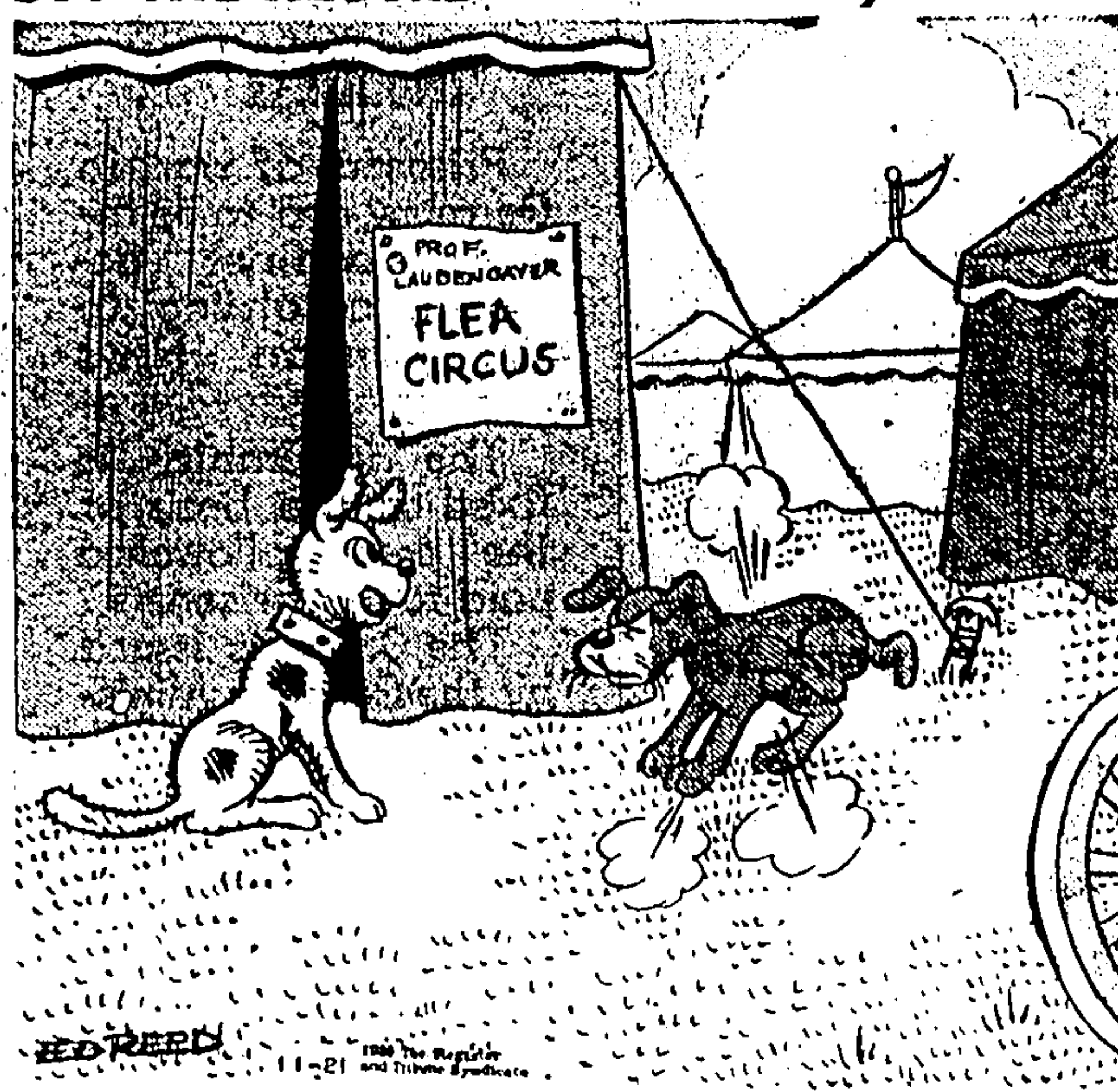
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# BRIDGE NOTES

## BRILLIANT DEFENCE By The Four Aces

A brilliant defensive play was made in a recent rubber bridge game by Edwin Veres, of Baltimore, Md. Here's the hand:

North, Dealer

North-South vulnerable

♠ A K 10 6 5 2  
 ♥ K 10 7  
 ♦ 10 6 5  
 ♣ A  
 ♠ 9 4 3  
 ♥ A 6 2  
 ♦ 2  
 ♣ K 10 8 6 5 2  
 ♠ J 8  
 ♥ Q 5  
 ♦ A Q J 9  
 ♣ 3  
 ♠ J 9 4 3  
 ♥ Q 7  
 ♦ J 9 8 4 3  
 ♣ K 8 7 4  
 ♠ Q 7

The bidding:

| North | East | South | West |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| 1♠    | Pass | 2♥    | Pass |
| 3♥    | Pass | 4♥    | Pass |
| Pass  | Pass |       |      |

Mr. Veres, sitting West, opened the singleton diamond against South's rather ambitious contract.

East won with the diamond Ace and returned the Queen, South covering with the King of diamonds. It was at this point that Mr. Veres suppressed the natural impulse to ruff in favour of thinking matters through to a logical conclusion.

It was clear that the four tricks needed to defeat the contract had to be won in the red suits. But unless the lead could be given to East to cash his diamond winner, South would manage to draw trumps, and discard diamonds on dummy's spades.

It was equally clear that East could not gain the lead in either black suit; and that West could not, while South would not, lead diamonds. Hence East's only possible entry was in the trump suit. With this analysis, West discarded instead of ruffing.

Now East could not be prevented from winning a trick with the heart Queen in time to cash a second diamond trick. But note that West loses the defence if he ruffs the diamond King. South knows the game is lost if East can get in, so is forced to play West for the Ace of trumps; and that prevents East from getting the lead, and the defence is held to the two red Aces and a low trump.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ A K J 5  
 ♥ Q 10 8 6 4  
 ♦ A 9  
 ♣ K 10

The bidding:

| You | Schenker | Jacoby | Maier |
|-----|----------|--------|-------|
| 1♥  | Pass     | 1NT    | Pass  |
| 2♠  | Pass     | 2NT    | Pass  |
| (7) |          |        |       |

ANSWER: Bid three no-trump. You have excellent strength in the minor suits, and the hand should produce a game if your partner has a few fillers and a high card or two.

Score 100% for three no-trump, 10% for pass.

## Question No. 592

To-day you are Howard Schenker's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠ Q 8 5  
 ♥ J 7  
 ♦ K 10 8 6  
 ♣ Q 8 7

The bidding:

| Schenker | Jacoby | You | Maier |
|----------|--------|-----|-------|
| 1♥       | Pass   | (7) | Pass  |

What do you bid? (Answer: To-morrow)

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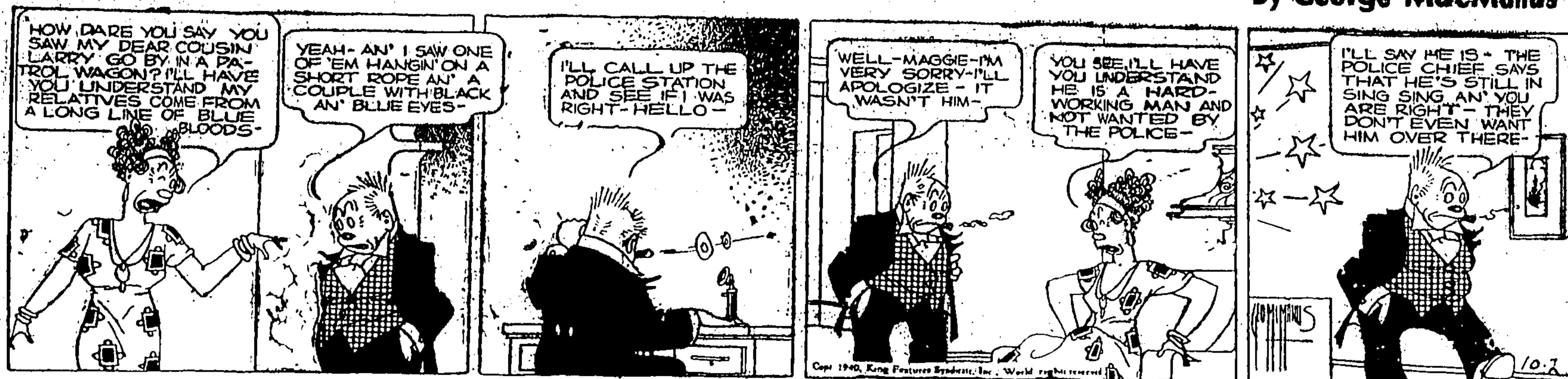
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By all means look natural when you go to the photographer! Have your hair dressed as usual and see that it is set at least two days before your appointment. Brush it out well (to encourage highlights) and arrange it softly—set waves and ringlets are too static to have any beauty.

Be sure to select a day when you look rested and happy. There are certain days in each month when a girl is bound to look a bit peaked. Don't have your picture taken then. Rest well a couple of nights before, so your eyes will be bright and your skin clear. The camera, my dears, catches every little eye puff and every little tired line—so give it your best face to work on!

Speaking of eyes—they should be made up expertly with shadow, mascara and brow pencil. I said expertly—not so laden with

cosmetics they look like the vampires of the silent screen!

When you face the camera don't get frightened. Let light and humour sparkle in your eyes—make them speak for you. You can do this only if you are relaxed, and entirely unselfconscious. Joke with the photographer if you can, so a natural and not a forced smile will light up your face and make your eyes dance with merriment. Some authorities say that a smiling photograph grows boring after a while, but I do not agree with them. If your smile is natural I think it adds to your photograph, particularly if you plan to give it to your best beau and to members of your family. A photograph for commercial reasons may be a more serious study.

If you have freckles, let them show, but try to conceal minor

skin blemishes. Many models highlight their skin with a very thin layer of grease cream, and others coat their skin with panchromatic make-up such as the stars use. But a good foundation cream and a careful powdering with a shade approved by your photographer should give you a sufficiently nice skin texture.

Be wary of lipstick. In fact you should seek your photographer's advice as to which shade is better. Some reds photograph either too light or too dark, but there is a lip colour which gives you just the depth you want.

Wear a simple dress, for simplicity is fashionable throughout the ages—a fussy dress dates too quickly. Ask the photographer to take several poses—front face, profile and both sides at least. We all have an angle which photographs best.

## Cold Left-Over Turkey can be turned into exciting fresh hot dishes

says Dorothy Greig

THE turkey is in full glory on the first day, appearing in all his golden succulence and tenderness as a whole roasted bird.

The second day he does nobly, too, as a cold platter filled

with legs and wings and slices of breast meat around a mound of savory dressing.

But by the third and fourth days, while there's lots of him left, he is pretty much reduced to scraps. That's where a big change takes place. He returns to the family table all dressed up as fresh hot dishes and we rejoice and enjoy him with renewed zest.

Who likes fishy pastry turnovers? Everybody... and all the more so when the filling is turkey and they are served with a sauce that gives them extra flavor:

baking tray and bake in a hot oven (450°) for 15 minutes. Makes 3 turnovers.

**Mushroom-Pea Sauce.**

1/2 cup condensed cream of mushroom soup  
1/2 cup condensed pea soup  
1/2 cup milk

Combine soups. Then add milk and heat, but do not boil. Serve over the "Hot Turkey Turnovers".

Turkey can reappear as a creamy a la king dish, too, to the deep contentment of all those who are served therewith:



Turkey Turnovers with Mushroom-Pea Sauce present leftover turkey as a hot fresh dish.

**Hot Turkey Turnovers with Mushroom-Pea Sauce**  
2 cups cooked turkey, chopped  
1/2 cup condensed cream of mushroom soup

Combine turkey with soup and mix well.

**Pastry for Turnovers:** Sift 3 cups flour, add 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/2 cup shortening. Cut in shortening, then add ice water mixing with a fork until the dough holds together. Chill thoroughly. Roll out pastry on floured board and cut into 4 1/2 inch squares. Put a spoonful of turkey mixture on each square, moisten edges of pastry and fold cornerswise, pressing edges together with a fork. Fry in hot oil for 15 minutes.

**Turkey a la King**  
1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup  
1/2 cup top milk  
1 cup turkey  
1/2 cup pimiento (cut in strips 1/4 inch wide by 1 inch long)  
1 egg yolk

Cut the turkey into pieces about 1/2 inch square.

Stir the cream of mushroom soup well. Then add 1/2 cup of top milk. Heat and add the turkey and strips of pimiento. Then add the egg yolk which has been diluted with some of the hot sauce. Heat and do not boil. Serve on toast, in patty shells or with hot buttered rice. Serves 4.

## The Modern Ballroom

In making plans for a ballroom, either in modernisation or in new construction, one of the first points to consider is the style and location of the bathtub. Once bathtubs were as alike as peas in a pod. To-day the home builder or home moderniser may choose between more than 20 different models and styles.

Unlike some home equipment, plumbing fixtures are not subject to seasonal style changes. New models are an outcome of constant study in relation to the problems of sanitation, safety, practicability, and the needs and desires of the public. Design trends are toward a lower fixture. Some of the newer models measure only 16 inches from the floor to the rim, thus making it easy to step in and out. Another definite trend noticeable in all of the newer models is a wider, flatter bottom.

Due to the enthusiasm with which the public accepted the innovation of a seat as an integral part of the bathtub, when it was introduced recently, all of the newer models provide this convenience. Some have a seat at the end, others in the middle of the outside rim; others at both the end and in the centre of the outer rim. Some tubs are designed with a wide rim which serves as a seat, with the front rim depressed in the centre to provide a low seat. A distinctive type is four feet square and has seats in the two corners. Seats are a convenience for foot bathing for children, and they enable elderly people to enter and leave the bath with greater ease.

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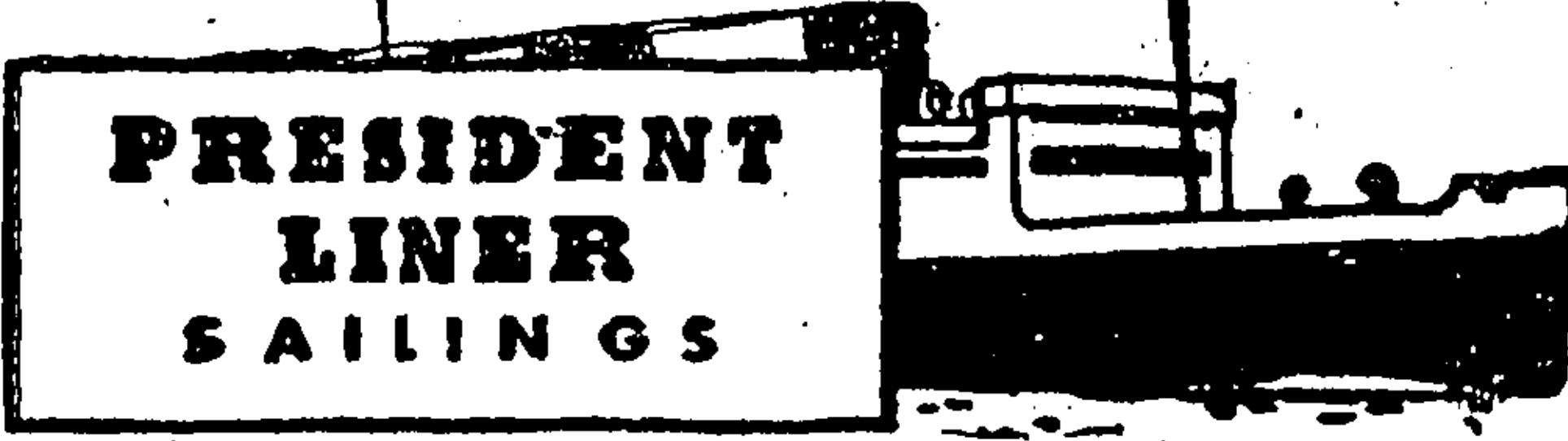


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1.15 p.m.—Victor Silvester and His Ballroom Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Dvorak—Quartet in E Flat Major, Op. 51.

1st Mov: Allegro ma non troppo; 2nd Mov: Dumka (Elegie) (Andante con moto—Vivace); 3rd Mov: Romanze (Andante con moto); 4th Mov: Finale (Allegro assai); Lener String Quartet.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.32 p.m.—Composition of Brahms. Tragic Overture, Op. 81. The B.B.O. Symphony Orchestra cond. by Arturo Toscanini.

Intermezzo in E Flat Major, Op. 117, No. 1. Wilhelm Backhaus (Piano). In Silent Night: Little Sandman. Comedy Harmonists.

Intermezzo in B Flat Minor, Op. 117, No. 2. Wilhelm Backhaus (Piano).

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The Lullaby Boy. Variety.

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8.30 p.m.—Studio—"British Dramatists" No. 4: Sheridan. Talk by Father Ryan, S.J.

8.50 p.m.—Songs by Dennis Noble (Baritone).

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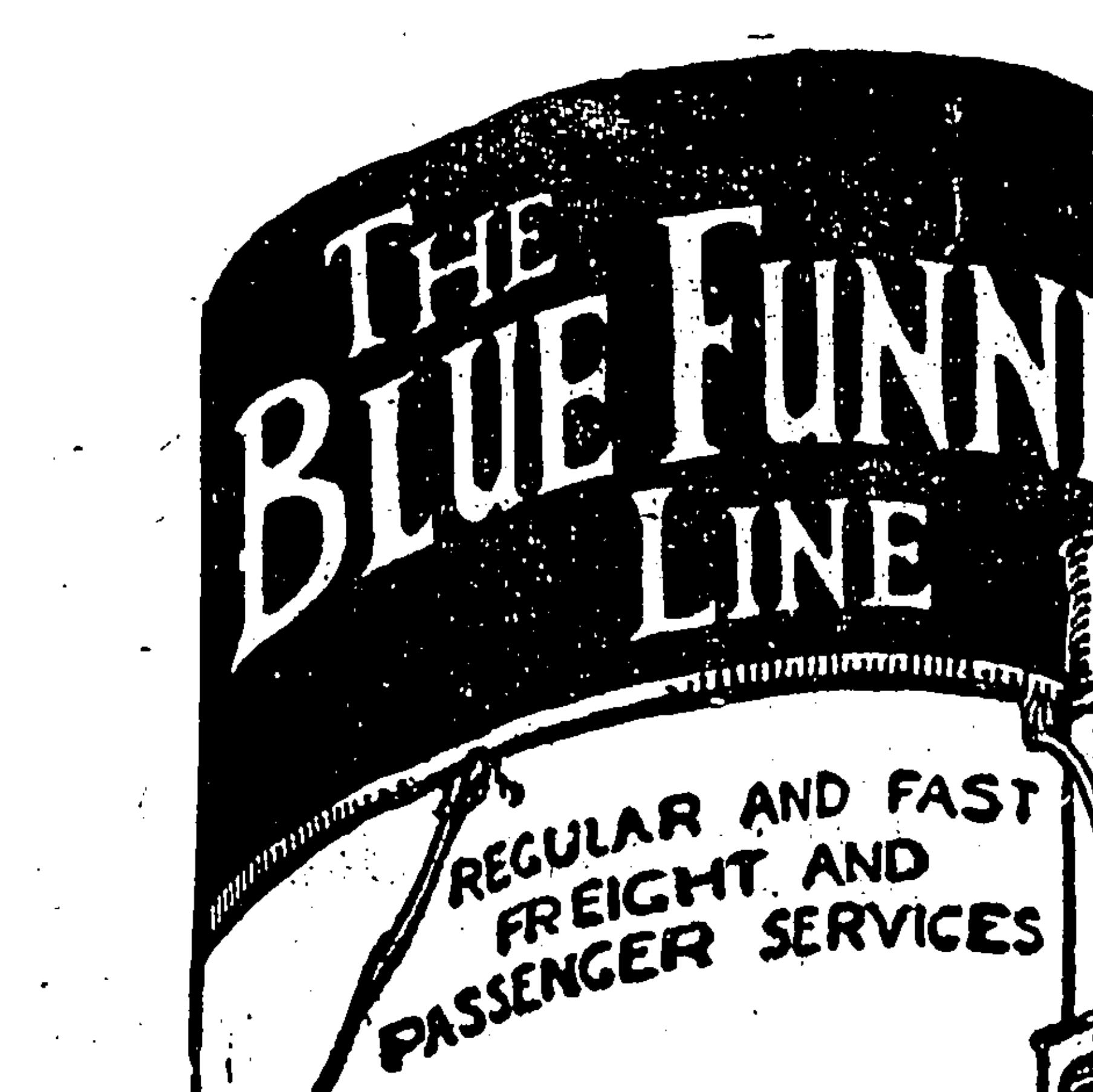
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**TO-DAY'S RUGBY**  
 Following is the Club "A" team to meet Navy "A" to-day on the Club ground at 5 p.m.: Thompson, Needham, D. Hynes, T. A. Pearce, Bosanquet, Charter and Clemm; Walkden, Dunnet, Castleton, Benn, Olesen, Dalziel, B. Hynes and Redman.

Referee—E. Matthews.



Dieting Dot says the trouble with these brisk fall days is that they whet one's appetite.

## WOMEN'S GOLF

The V.A.D. and A.N.S. Tombstone Competition played over the New Course, Fanling, yesterday for a prize presented by Mrs. A. V. Greaves, resulted in a win for Mrs. W. N. Fleming (A.N.S.) who was just short of the 19th green.

Other good results were—Mrs. Eldon Potter, Mrs. Shrigley and Mrs. Turnbull, all ending on the 18th green. There were 30 entries. Mrs. F. A. Mackintosh and Miss E. M. Whitehead tied for the Putting Prize with a score of 19. Mrs. Mackintosh winning on the play off.

The sum of \$55.06 was collected for the South China Morning Post Bomber Fund, being made up of contributions from those taking part in the Tombstone and Putting Competitions, as well as table money from the bridge tables.

## CHUNG HWA LEAD JUNIOR DIVISION

By "Grandstand"

South China nine nosed out the Recreo Bees by 6-5, in a most exciting game in Second division after the game was knotted at five all in the sixth.

The winning run came when Luigi Gosano, fumbled Charlie Ng Chun Wah easy on for Pop Ng to score on Quan Wing-tim's single to centre.

The Bees scored in the third on Harry Chinn's fumble followed by R Soares' safety. Costly errors in the fifth assisted by two Recreo safeties piled up four more runs for the Bees for the game to be tied at five all.

Batting honours in the fray go to hindsnatcher Cecil "Sparks" Winglee and Charlie Ng Chun-wah, both of whom batted safely thrice of their four times to the plate, the former belting the long-est clout of the game with a triple, which brought in two runs. Yum toed the rubber for the Chinese in the first frame, and was relieved by Bill Quon for the rest of the game, whilst Wilfred Lawrence hurled for the Bees.

V.R.C. severely trounced Air Force who were expected to put up a better fight than a 24-7 trimming. Ernie Ribeiro, guarding the windy alley, played sparkling ball, besides batting safely two out of three times, whilst homers were clouted by Bimby Ablong and Quinn.

## A Double Play

Hemslay on the slab for the Airmen, struck out two but passed 10 Victorians which proved costly, whilst Brown for the V.R.C. whiffed three and only walked two.

In the sixth, Airmen dished up the only double killing by Hemslay, who snared Quinn's fly and tossed to Goodwin at first to tag out C. Rozario.

Chung Hwa retained the League leadership, although the Cosmos gave them anxious moments by holding the lead until the last inning. Diesta, Cosmo left gardener, hauled down every fly that came his way, and there were plenty of them hoisted, no less than seven in all. Chung Hwa finished at the long end of a 9-8 verdict.

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## INTER-HONG LEAGUE STARTS

By "Grandstand"

In the opener of the Inter-Hong double header, Hong Kong Bankers swamped Cables by 12-2. For the first four innings, Cables were held scoreless, and only managed two markers in the fifth on errors.

The Wayfoong squad fielded tightly, and fielded their full team including Bertie and Gerry Gosano, both of the Recreo Aces, the latter clouting the only triple of the game. A. C. Brown, on the hill, whiffed one but passed none, whilst Cables' moundsman Wally Mohamed issued two walks to the Wayfoongs.

Profiting by Green Spot errors, Chartered Bankers triumphed over the Orange Squashers 20-21 despite the fact that they were limited to only four safeties. The Green Spots started well with clusters of four and five runs, but were unable to hold their lead, booting away the game, when eight Chartered markers came in in the third on only one measly hit, whilst two spurges of four runs in the next two frames cinched the game for them.

Home-runs were belted in by O'Sullivan, H. Remedios, A. K. Omar and Ernie Ribeiro, the last batting safely five out of five. "Dopey" Ozorio, dressed up in his Sunday togs, hurled for the Bankers, whilst A. B. Hassan assumed mound duties.

Following will represent Craigengower First and Second teams against Indian R.C. on Saturday. First Team (at Home)—E. Zimmern (Capt.), G. Souza, A. K. Ismail, B. I. Billimoria, A. J. Hulse, B. R. Inance, A. B. Hamson, E. A. Lee, W. Hong Shing, J. L. Youngsaye and M. C. Hung.

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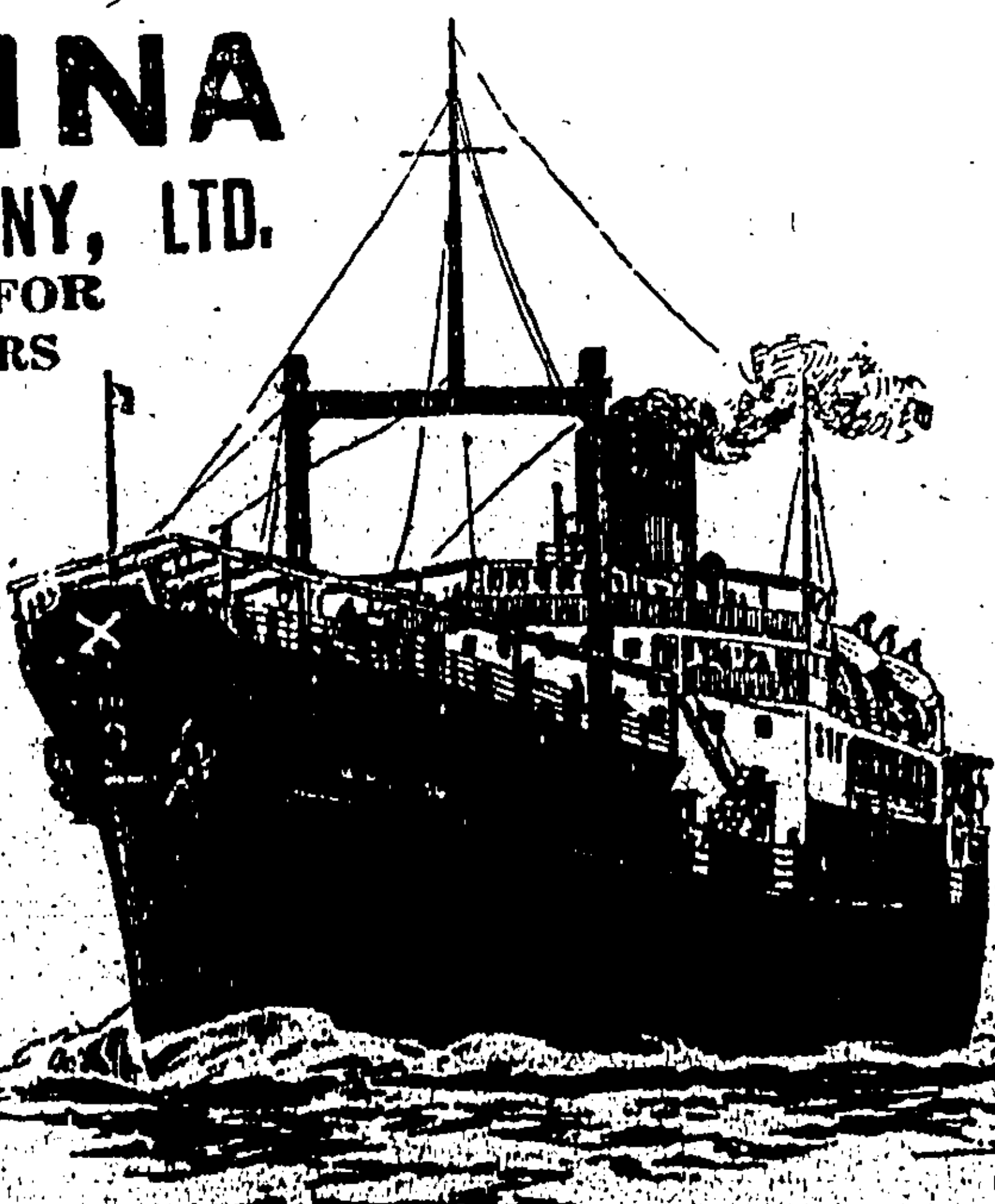
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# Rapier Reviews Final Race Meeting Of The 1940 Season

## COTTAGE CLUB CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

The Cottage Club paper-hunt for "The President's Cup", which it is hoped to make an annual event, will take place on Christmas Day, starting from the Club House.

There will be a draw for ponies by Members of the Cottage Club at 3.30 p.m. and the hunt will move off at 4 p.m.

Non-members, who can provide their own ponies, are cordially invited. Individual riders will also be very welcome.

In addition to the "President's Cup", which will be presented to the winner of the hunt, there will also be a "Ladies' Cup" for the first lady home and a cup for the second rider.

On Boxing Day, Cottage Club will hold their annual Christmas tiffin party and the President and Committee will welcome members, their families and their friends.



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Brilliant weather conditions last Saturday favoured Hong Kong Jockey Club for their Thirteenth Extra Race Meeting at the Valley and this meeting indeed provided a fitting finale for the 1940 racing season.

An exceptionally large crowd attended; the various events were keenly contested, and with the track in such splendid condition, it was not altogether surprising that the China pony record for the 1 1/4 miles was lowered by Confusion Bay.

Honours amongst the Jockeys went to Mr. Donald Black, who rode four winners, a second and a third in seven starts, thus for the second time in his racing career having the coveted distinction of being Champion Jockey, the last time being in 1936. I feel sure that the Racing Public will join me in extending to Mr. Black hearty congratulations on his achievement, which was well deserved.

Mr. T. K. Li headed the owners' list with a win, a second and a third.

### Mr. Bradbury's Welcome

The first race, the Lady Handicap for "B" Class China Ponies saw Humdrum Eve (Mr. Botelho) take a runaway lead from the start, with Lilliber, the ultimate winner, content to trail a little behind, followed by Red Feather (Mr. Wei). Gradually Mr. Chao crept up on the leader, and was abreast of Humdrum Eve 100 yards from the post. At this stage Lilliber responded to Mr. Chao's urge, and from then on it went on to win by three-quarters of a length, with Humdrum Eve having the better of Kentucky by a neck for second place, Lilliber's win provided a nice little welcome for its owner, Mr. B. W. Bradbury, who on his return from holiday had the satisfaction of leading in the first winner of the day.

### Bob Charles Wins

In the second race, the Last Chance Handicap for "C" Class China Ponies, the result was not difficult to anticipate. After its previous performance in the Copshawham Handicap (First Section) over 1 1/4 miles, there was really nothing among the entries to upset Rob Roy, which was well and truly ridden by that veteran jockey Mr. R. H. Charles, Royal Wedding Eve (Mr. Craven) took the lead, followed by Jane Doe (Mr. Tang) and Rob Roy. After passing the Rock, Royal Wedding Eve faded out of the picture, leaving Jane Doe to take the lead, followed by Roy Roy and Eve of Hunting (Mr. Davis). Rounding the bend, Mr. Tang urged Jane Doe on to such an extent that it had a lead of a few lengths, but Mr. Charles did not appear unduly worried, and by the time the distance post was reached Jane Doe was rapidly tiring, and Rob Roy had no difficulty in winning by two lengths from Emergency Unit (Mr. S. W. Lee), which came up with a burst on the outside to oust Jane Doe for second place by a short head. Mr. Charles was given a rousing ovation when the pony was led in by Mr. Poy, first string jockey, in the absence of Mr. Eu Tong-sen.

### Vixen Tor's Bad Luck

The third race, the Dilatory Handicap for "B" Class Australian ponies resulted in the first win of the afternoon for the Champion Jockey, Mr. Black, on Criffel, but had Vixen Tor not been tardy at the start the finish might have been different. Devonian (Mr. Treverton) was made favourite and the race started with Double Finesse (Mr. Botelho) taking the lead, followed by Criffel and Australian Prince (Mr. Pan). After passing the football stands, Australian Prince moved up to second position, and there was no positional change until after passing the Rock, with the exception of Devonian replacing Criffel for third position. In the home stretch Double Finesse and Australian Prince gave up the struggle and were passed by Devonian, who was pursued by Criffel, with Vixen Tor coming through strongly. These two indulged in a stern struggle, but Criffel had established too big a lead, and as he did Mr. Davis could not get the extra few yards out of Vixen Tor and had to be satisfied with a second, losing by a short head.

with Devonian taking third position.

### Record Broken

The Hong Kong Autumn Championships for China ponies was really a nice race to watch, but spectators were hardly prepared for Confusion Bay's magnificent display, aided by Mr. Sung's fine judgment.

The race started with Eve of Harvest (Mr. Davis) forcing the pace, followed by Craigavad (Mr. Botelho), Burford (Mr. Black), Confusion Bay (Mr. Sung) and O'Lea (Mr. Needa). This order was maintained until passing the six furlongs post, when Mr. Sung sent Confusion Bay forward to second position. After passing the half-mile post, Mr. Davis urged Eve of Harvest on to increase the lead, but evidently as a result of its initial effort this pony could not provide the fast last quarter run of which it was capable. It certainly cracked up badly once it was passed by Confusion Bay 100 yards from the end. At this stage Burford was coming through strongly to challenge Confusion Bay, with O'Lea also in the picture. Amidst great excitement, Confusion Bay just managed to get its head in front to snatch a grand victory, with Burford second and O'Lea third. Confusion Bay not only won the Championship, but it also shattered Burford's record by 2/5" and was also responsible for the payment of the biggest win dividend of the day, \$47.20.

### Favourite Wins

The fifth race, the Laggards' Handicap for "C" class Australian ponies, which was also the first leg of the "Daily Double", resulted in the second win for Mr. Black when he brought in Warrego River, the favourite. Winnie (Mr. Chao) took the lead with Annabeta (Mr. Hoo Pak-ming) and Cockleroi (Mr. Ip Kui-ying) just behind. Mr. Black was satisfied to keep Warrego River in the rear, and it was not until the two-mile post was reached that he sent his mount forward to take the lead, which it maintained right up to the end with Bredon (Mr. Chattey) second and Cockleroi claiming the other position.

### Sapper Extended

The last of the big events, the Queensland Autumn Champions, attracted only three starters. The race started with Sapper (Mr. Davis) setting the pace, with Viceroy (Mr. Black) and Baffin Bay (Mr. Needa) following behind. On passing the distance post for the second time Sapper was still leading, but Mr. Davis was experiencing trouble as both Viceroy and Baffin Bay were coming up strongly from behind and he had to exert himself on Sapper to stave off their challenge, just managing to do so by a length from Baffin Bay, which had the better of Viceroy by a short head.

### Mr. Black's Third Win

The seventh race, the Lingers' Handicap for "D" Class Australian Subscription ponies, was the second leg of the "Daily Double" and resulted in another favourite justifying the confidence placed in it. Quick Despatch enabled Mr. Black to score his third win of the afternoon. Colorado Star (Mr. Davis) was the first to get away, with Sea Urchin (Mr. Craven) and Surprise Again (Mr. Chao) in close attendance. This position was maintained until after passing the six furlongs post, when Sea Urchin took the lead, followed by Surprise Again, Roofly (Mr. Needa) and Quick Despatch further down. On rounding the Village bend Mr. Needa sent Roofly forward to come alongside Sea Urchin, with Surprise Again and Rising Star (Mr. Tao) also together behind, then came Quick Despatch. In the home stretch Roofly asserted itself and gradually moved away from the others, and it appeared as if it was going to win, but Quick Despatch, with determined riding, on the part of Mr. Black, was coming in yard by yard to catch Roofly, which it ultimately passed 100 yards from the post. Although Mr. Needa tried his best on Roofly, he had to admit defeat by a length, with Surprise Again third.

## ARMY SOCCER FINAL

The Final of the Army Small Units Football Competition will take place this afternoon at Sookun-poo between H.Q. Company, Middlesex and "D" Company, Royal Scots.

## COOMBES SCORES 110 NOT OUT

High scoring featured the friendly cricket match at Sookun-poo yesterday between Royal Army Medical Corps and 5th A.A. Royal Artillery, when the former won by 8 wickets.

Taking first lease of the wicket Artillery scored 183 for 7 declared. Dobbins was top scorer with 84 which included nine boundaries.

Webb and Coombes opened the innings for Medicals and the pair added 36 runs before Webb was bowled by Dobbins. Coombes played a dashing innings scoring 110 not out in 40 minutes including 22 boundaries. Together with Swyer he added 122 before the second wicket fell.

When Coombes was 96 he was hit on the head by a fast ball but was able to carry on.

| 5TH A.A. R.A.               |    |  |  |
|-----------------------------|----|--|--|
| Ingram, c Harvey, b Bright  | 41 |  |  |
| Plummer, c Bright, b Harvey | 18 |  |  |
| Clague, lb.w., b Harvey     | 4  |  |  |
| Dobbins, b Wyre             | 64 |  |  |
| Martin, b Coombes           | 4  |  |  |
| Bursby, not out             | 34 |  |  |
| Sidder, b Webb              | 1  |  |  |
| Extras (B15, LB1, W1)       | 17 |  |  |

Total (for 7 wks. dec.) 183  
Morgan, McCadden, Braddock and Baker did not bat.

| Bowling Analysis |     |    |    |
|------------------|-----|----|----|
|                  | O   | M. | R. |
| Harvey           | 4   | 0  | 22 |
| Wyre             | 7   | 1  | 44 |
| Coombes          | 7   | 0  | 46 |
| Bright           | 5   | 0  | 46 |
| Webb             | 3.3 | 0  | 25 |

| R.A.M.C.              |     |  |  |
|-----------------------|-----|--|--|
| Webb, b Dobbins       | 19  |  |  |
| Coombes, not out      | 110 |  |  |
| Swyer, b Martin       | 24  |  |  |
| Harvey, not out       | 5   |  |  |
| Extras (B26, LB2, W1) | 29  |  |  |

Total (for 2 wks.) 187  
Smith, Musson, Bright, Wyre, Shorthouse, Dunne and Parkin did not bat.

| Bowling Analysis |   |    |    |
|------------------|---|----|----|
|                  | O | M. | R. |
| Plummer          | 5 | 0  | 47 |
| Dobbins          | 6 | 0  | 46 |
| Bursby           | 5 | 1  | 45 |
| Martin           | 5 | 0  | 49 |

another half length away. For its win Quick Despatch gave its 671 "Double" backers \$22.80 each.

### Jack O'Lantern Upset

The last race of the day and the year, the Final Handicap for "D" class China ponies provided punters with a real shock. Despite the fact that Sunlight View (Mr. Wei) was carrying 168 lb. and the distance was one mile, it was made firm favourite, but it ran unplaced. On the rise of the barrier Sunlight View went to the front, followed by Piet Hein (Mr. P. P. Botelho) and Jack O'Lantern (Mr. Black), the ultimate winner Sunlight View still led after passing the Rock, but Jack O'Lantern moved up to second position within striking distance of the leader followed by Piet Hein and Salvage Master (Mr. Tao). On rounding the bend for home Jack O'Lantern overhauled Sunlight View and went on to win by a length, despite a strong challenge from Salvage Master, the second pony all the way down the straight. Piet Hein was third, another length behind. Jack O'Lantern paid out \$48.00 for its win and gave Mr. Black his fourth winning mount of the day.

## TRIPLE PLAY BY ISMAIL FOR INDIANS

### By "Grandstand"

Recreo Aces "nosed" out the Cyclones by the only run scored in the tussle, which was featured by sparkling fielding on both sides, giving the cash customers full value for their admission.

Held scoreless for the entire seven frames the Cyclones only garnered three safeties, but batted four times, which the Recs. took advantage of.

Rambling Aces broke into the scoring in the fifth when a wild heave by third-sacker "Ikey" Haroon gave Lino Gosano a life, who carried home the mail on "Doctor" Gosano's timely single to centre. The Cyclones put up the biggest threat in the sixth, when they had the sacks soused on a walk, a perfect dump, and a tumble by Johnnie Alvares, after which Recs. went into session and relieved Alvares by clutch pitcher Gerry Gosano, who got the team out of the hole.

### Bone-Head Play

Bone-head play on the part of the Cyclones also contributed to Aces' triumph. With a set-up marked squeeze play all over it, Skelly Razaek and clean-up hitter K. M. Rumlahn flied out to the infield with no gain on the bases. Junior Markar grounded out to end the threat, which might have reversed the decision.

With the seventh inning coming up, Cyclones were unable to make good the one run deficit, as Haroon and Silva-Netto grounded out. Bakar reached first on a single, but Markar, Sr., hoisted one which was easily hauled down. "Kelly" Silva-Netto in his initial appearance in the senior loop did fairly well up on the mound, limiting the Recs. to only four scattered hits, waiking two, but did not fan any.

Johnnie Alvares, first-string on the Aces pitching staff conceded two blows, and walked two, but showed signs of weakening in the fifth, when the Cyclones caught on to his pace. Recs. Gerry Gosano, issued one pass only, and was found for a single.

### Amper Badly Hit

St. Joseph's nine massacred Filipinos to the tune of 25-7, almost hitting hurler Tatong Amper at will. Saints collected eighteen safeties whilst the Islanders only connected for four, of which key-stoner Baulista accounted for two in his three trips to the plate. "Bambino" Dave Leonard had a good day, with two four-baggers, the last time with two aboard, besides which he smacked a double, bringing in another two Cole-gians. Doubles were also registered by Stan Leonard, Powawski "Jindoo" Hussain, and Henry "Shoe-string" Ali.

Filipinos started with a brace of three markers and piled up two more in the next frame, but were unable to keep the pace. Two double killings were dished up by the Filipinos, the first, when Bob Laurel clamped his hands on Gonzales' foul fly, and caught Jindoo Hussain flat-footed between third and home, and when Harry Campos hauled down Hussain's fly to nail Stan Leonard at third.

### Indians Win Easily

Indians downed the Canadians in the night-cap by 12-3, in a one-sided game. Herbie Quon toed the rubber for the Canucks and whiffed eight Indians. At times he was inclined to go wild, passing no less than six Indians to first on balls. The Indian hurler "Kassa" Nazarin fanned two on a y. A. B. Hassan was most prominent with the hickory, connecting safely three times in his four times up, including a pair of four-masters, and a double, whilst Herbie Quon homered for the Canucks. Regular Indian catcher Tarzan Ismail, filling the short stop gap, started a triple killing, by pulling down Johnnie Delgado's fly, targeting Y. Chan off second, and pegging to the home plate to nab "Herbie" stealing home.



# WAHOOS SCORE CLOSE WIN OVER WILDCATS

## J. Anderson And Gloria Mar Hit Homers

### Therese Noronha Pitches Well

By "Grandstand"

IN SPITE OF the fact that the odds were against them, the Wahoos humbled Wildcats by shading them 17-16 in a game featured by a last inning rally which netted them five markers. The Wahoos drew first blood by denting the counting station eight times in the initial frame, but the Untamed Felines replied with a cluster of nine runs in the second to take the lead.

All the runs were chalked up after two outs, when Socorro Castro's expensive bungle of Thelma Motta's slow roller, started Wildcats on a merry-go-round. In the third frame both sides played shut-out ball, with fielding masterpieces.

With the top end of the batting order coming up in the fourth, Wahoos squeezed another marker the fifth, Wildcats had a chance to break the tie when hurler Thelma Collaco doubled, but was run down when she attempted to advance on Cynthia "Sailor" da Motta's grounder. Thelma Motta and pinch-hitter Dolly Brown were erased next in order.

In the sixth Irene Castilho drew a pass, and romped home with the tie-breaker on Jackie Anderson's homer. Therese Noronha doubled and added another marker as pitcher Thelma Collaco heaved a wild one to first. In the Wildcats' turn at bat the leadership changed hands again, with the Wildcats ringing up four counters on only one safe blow, helped by four Wahoo bingles. In the last stanza, the Green Shirts Owls shellacked Wildcat hurler Thelma Collaco for five runs on three hits and three errors. Three Wildcat tallies counted in the last inning with only one out for the Wildcats, for them to trail only one behind.

Irene "Slugger" Pereira walked but was forced out by Thelma Collaco's grounder to short-stop. Irene Castilho, Cynthia Motta fled out to end the game. "Big Chief Wahoo" Therese Noronha hurling her first game this season, did very well and limited the Wildcats to 10 safeties, whilst her mates collected nine off Thelma Collaco, Wildcat "ace-pitcher."

#### Perfect Infield

With the exception of second-sacker Socorro Castro, the Wahoo infield showed perfect co-operation.

Circuit clouts were made by hind-snatcher Jackie Anderson of the Wahoos, whilst Gloria Mar of the Untamed Felines replied with pair of round-trippers, battling in two ahead of her in the first frame.

Therese Noronha batted safely three times out of five, including a pair of doubles, whilst Jackie Anderson, Mary Mar, Irene "Slugger" Pereira, and Thelma Collaco were also good for two a-piece.

#### Extra Inning Played

In the first extra inning game of the season, the Cardinals nosed out the Recrelo Ramblerettes by 22-21 after nine innings of play. Efigena Babida went the route for the Cards, but only fanned one and walked one, whilst Jerry Jorge on the rubber for the Ramblerettes, fanned two, and issued free transportation to first to three Redbirds. Marie Roza catching for the Cards was relieved in the fifth by Marina Wilson, the former allowing one passed ball whilst the latter was guilty of three.

Ramblerettes took off a good start of four runs in the first and five in the third, whilst the Redbirds could only reply with a total of five. In the fourth inning the Cards blitzkrieged the Recs for seven tallies on three bingles assisted by five miscues.

Another spurge of four runs in the sixth gave the Redbirds the leadership and the game would have ended in the seventh, had "Naty" Faladonia not booted "Ding" Lopes fly to left to give her a life, with one away. Ding Lopes romped home for the equaliser on "Cinny" Remedios' slashing triple to left. Olga Silva and Melvie Campos fled out in order. In the first overtime inning, both sides were blanked although both sides connected for

## TO-DAY'S BADMINTON

Following is to-day's "B" Division Badminton League programme and some of the teams:

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| J. R. C.   | v. | King's College |
| V. R. C.   | v. | Chung Wah      |
| St. John's | v. | Police         |
| K. C. C.   | v. | Kowloon Tong   |

medios' dump along first base, and scored on third-sacker Gladys "Grandma" Hutchinson's wild heave to first.

On the Reds turn with the stick, Babida slushed out a triple and scored on a wild heave. "Naty" Faladonia singled over short and scored Betty Fitzgerald for the winning run.

King's College:—S. P. Chan and K. J. Attwell; W. C. Chung and K. L. Lui; K. H. Lo and T. Lam.

J.R.C.:—M. Talan and A. R. Pollak; B. Godkin and J. Odell; Dr. F. Ramler and L. Landolt.

V.R.C.:—O. el Arculli and S. A. Rum-jahn; D. M. Xavier and A. A. Remedios; A. Basto and M. M. de V. Soares.

Chung Wah:—C. F. Chiu and P. C. Leung; S. C. Liang and K. F. Chiu; W. H. Chey and S. F. Lee.

Police:—W. Gillies and L. Gordon; A. R. S. Major and C. Y. Siu; J. MacDonald and H. Dingsdale.

Kowloon Tong:—John Chen and F. H. Kwok; Peter Lo and Joe Tsang; S. T. Chan and S. C. Chan.

K.C.C.:—A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth; J. L. Anderson and D. Hazell; H. S. Jones and A. E. P. Guest.



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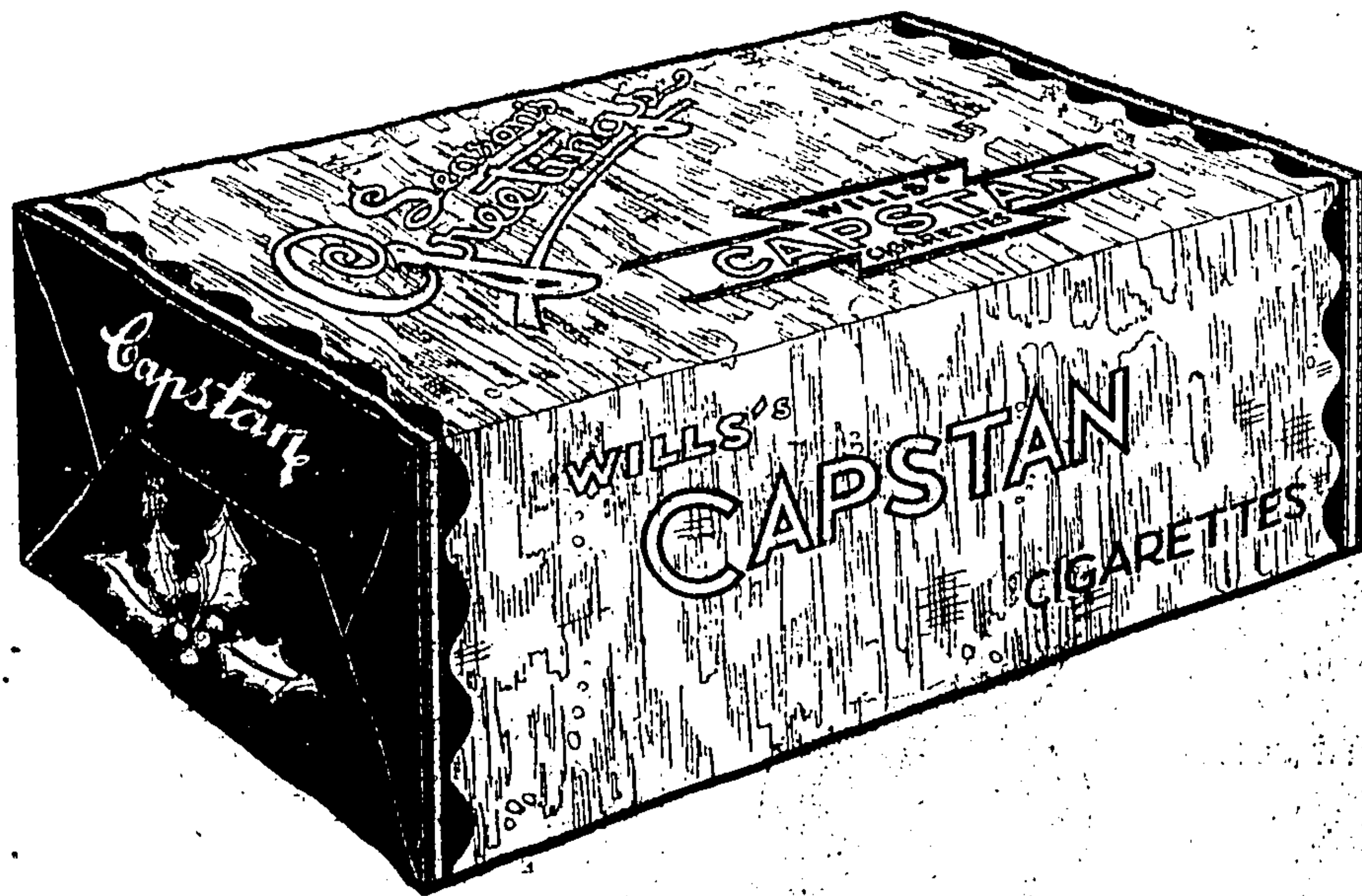
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# THREAT OF GERMAN INVASION

## Hitler Making Preparations For Early Onslaught May Come Before Spring, Warns Lord Beaverbrook

HITLER IS MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR THE INVASION OF BRITAIN EVEN BEFORE THE SPRING COMES — AN INVASION BY LAND AND SEA BUT PRINCIPALLY BY AIR—DECLARED LORD BEAVERBROOK, MINISTER OF AIRCRAFT PRODUCTION, IN A BROADCAST FROM LONDON LAST NIGHT.

### 4,000 KILLED IN NOVEMBER MASS RAIDS

A total of 4,588 civilians, men, women and children, were killed during German air raids on Britain during November, while 6,202 were injured and detained in hospital, the Ministry of Home Security announced yesterday.

These figures include 493 children under 16 years of age killed and 458 injured.—Reuter.

The British were stronger on every front and could supply all planes for all pilots in the battle line but wanted more bombers above all.

In the past four months the output of aircraft was double that of last year. Fine types of American planes were coming in an increasing flow — some of their fighters were equal to Britain's best.

Hitler was conspiring to dominate Europe and sat on a three-legged stool of, firstly, air superiority, secondly, mechanised forces, and, thirdly, Fifth Column methods of panic and fear.

Britain had a sure defence in control of the seas and had knocked away the first leg of Hitler's stool.

We had seized control of the air by day with fighter squadrons of Hurricanes, Spitfires, Defiants and Whirlwinds.

### Immense Hitler Effort

The German newspapers daily disclosed signs of the immense attempt Hitler is making to bring out a huge air force in the Spring — sure and certain signs of feverish development of production.

"We shall meet and overcome the danger by industry, enterprise, endurance and fortitude. It will be a hard struggle but the builders of aircraft have had difficult tasks before."

"All the machines we lost during the four months in which the battle has raged over Britain have been fully paid for by public contributions."

### The Contest

"It is now a contest between the industrial forces of Britain and the resources and strength of the combined nations of Europe, conqueror and conquered."

"Against them are the British workers, dogged and willing, and certain that we shall destroy the enemy by our labours."

(The Whirlwind mentioned by Lord Beaverbrook is one of the latest type of British fighters which is still on the secret list). —Reuter.

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## RICE DEALERS FINED

Two shop keepers on the mainland were summoned before Mr. E. Hims-worth at Kowloon this morning for selling rice at rates higher than those fixed by the Food Controller.

The master of the Chan Lim Hing Rice Shop, No. 73, Saigon Road, was fined \$60.

Det.-Sgt. C. Dowman stated that a Chinese detective went to defendants shop and bought 12 cattles of Grade "A" rice. He was charged \$2 which was about 2.6 cents in excess of the price fixed by the authorities on December 5.

A fine of \$50 was imposed on the master of the Ka Cheong Rice Shop, No. 30, Haiphong Road. Sergeant J. Galvin said that accused sold rice at 90 cents for 5 cattles, which was three cents higher than the price fixed.

## JAPAN AND SOVIET

THE TOKYO NEWSPAPER "ASAHI SHIMBUN" IN A LEADING ARTICLE URGES THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT TO CONCLUDE A LONG-TERM BASIC FISHING AGREEMENT WITH THE SOVIET UNION.

The new fishing treaty should aim at securing fishing rights and stabilising the fishing management according to the "Asahi" which incidentally calls attention to the fact that a successful conclusion of a long-term fishing treaty on an equal basis serves more than anything else to straighten out and brighten current Japanese/Soviet relations.—Reuter.

## STOP PRESS

Chinese Rice Dealers' representatives were informed to-day by the Controller of Food that there was no need for the Government to release some of the reserved stocks of rice to remedy the local situation.

Government has placed large rice orders and it is hoped that normal conditions will soon prevail again.

The Controller of Food did not indicate whether Government intends to abolish control of rice prices on arrival in the Colony of these new large supplies.

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